



# The ATU 279

## Newsletter



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### WOMEN'S COMMITTEE/CAUCUS NOTICE OF MOTION

Please Welcome the new  
members of the Committee:

Ann Cochrane

Serena Bernicky

Sharon Bow

Martina Yabut

Surinder Kaur

Ruth Manion – retiree

Angela Nicola – alternate

Crysta Gagnon – alternate

**Congratulations and thank you  
for your valuable contribution  
to our membership.**

#### Notices of Motion

**Approved** – to amend by-  
laws to summarize and  
highlight legal opinions.

**Submitted** – Committee to  
form a Black  
Caucus/Committee. To be  
posted, read and voted at  
June meeting.

Please direct any  
questions/concerns or to  
subscribe to our newsletter  
[suggestions@atu279.ca](mailto:suggestions@atu279.ca)

### UPDATES AND HIGHLIGHTS

#### APRIL / MAY

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** – Minutes approved by membership for April and May.

**APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL REPORT** – Financial reports approved by membership for April and May.

**STRATEGY AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE** – Next event will be scheduled for May 28, 2025 – City Council. Petition submitted, we were asked to not submit, and we have responded in kind refusing to stand down.

**OFFICER REPORTS** – Reports were received for April and May.

**DISCIPLINE** – Increase in speed camera, red light and device meetings. Please be diligent and professional – We are the professionals that keep this City moving and we must continue to set the bar. Schedules will only improve if realistic data is shared. Please continue to submit SIR's to employer and share the data with your union – [suggestions@atu279.ca](mailto:suggestions@atu279.ca)

**NEGOTIATION UPDATE** – May 20, 2025, is next scheduled day for negotiating.

#### **NEW BUSINESS – Agenda (Executive Board)**

- Special announcement that Brother Steve Faubert has been nominated and acclaimed as the Assistant Business Agent for Maintenance. Congratulations.
- Br Abraham Kapella and Br Martin Lavigne have accepted their nominations for Executive Board Member – Grievance Officer. The Election vote will be on May 23 at the garages.
- Be advised that a tele-town hall will be conducted on May 21 at 6pm est. Opportunity to ask questions and get an update on first official day of negotiations.
- The inquest for the Westboro tragedy has concluded with recommendations submitted. Important to note that recommendations are not binding and may or may not be proposed changes. We had standing council at the inquest, and we believe it was fruitful to have union and operator perspective be properly recognized and represented.

#### **NEW BUSINESS – Floor (Members Concerns)**

- Questions were raised regarding the negotiations. Only exchanged proposals to date with May 20<sup>th</sup> being next opportunity. Both parties have agreed to push monetary/benefit issues to then end to assist in momentum.
- Questions were asked about parking at industrial garage.

## \*NOUS ROULONS ENSEMBLES\*

NOAH VINEBERG – PRESIDENT/BUSINESS AGENT