

COQUITLAM TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

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President's Message

Extreme Weather, Part 2

Certainly, the extreme weather event took us by surprise and now we are seeing the consequences. People stuck out in the Valley, supply chain disruptions, increased delays in projects, loss of life and injury, etc. We are all asked by the Deputy Premier to save gas now and the employer has made a statement about trying to honour that by carpooling, minimizing travelling. They have assessed internally what transportation is essential and relieved several departments of duties that require travel, at this time. We, too, at the CTA are trying to minimize unnecessary travel here, to do our part to help out. It's really indicative of how fragile our infrastructure and way of life can be, in the right circumstances. We keep in our minds the people most directly affected and we will be donating significant resources to Global Medics and the Princeton Teachers' Association which has been a hub of community support out there currently and they are doing amazing work, led by their President, Richard Jensen.

In Solidarity,
Ken

Support for BC Flood Victims

Grade 6/7 students from Minnekhada Middle are challenging the entire school community to work together to support the B.C. Flood Victims. The recent extreme weather has had catastrophic impacts on families, communities, and farmers. They are asking students to take part in Toonie Tuesdays and Thursdays for the next two weeks, and are encouraging adults to donate online via the school's Red Cross Portal.

- Please donate online on the link provided.
- Please share this link with families, friends, co-workers, and neighbors.

Students, staff, families, businesses, and the Tri-Cities Community can come together to make a huge difference!

<https://www.redcross.ca/bcfloods/minnekhadamiddleschool>

CTA Sweatshirt Delivery

The CTA hoodies have arrived and are prepared for delivery to schools. However, considering the current situation and the request from the government to limit fuel consumption and travel, delivery will be delayed. It is our goal to get them out before winter break.



If you happen to be driving by the CTA Office you are welcome to stop in and pick up for your school. Please don't make a special trip.

Executive Committee Openings

There are currently two vacant **Member at Large** positions open on the CTA Executive Committee.

If you are interested in running for one of these positions please go to our [website to get and submit a CV](#) to Pat Adolf padolf@cta43.org by Nov. 30, 2021.

BCTF AGM Delegates

The 2021 BCTF AGM will be held March 19 - 22, 2022
Location and format still to be determined.

The CTA will elect 26 delegates to the BCTF AGM at our General Meeting, January 19, 2022.

Please submit your CV form to padolf@cta43.org before January 12, 2022

Forms can be found on our website
<https://www.coquitlamteachers.com/portal/portal-page/cta-forms/>

TTOC COVID SUPPORT FUND

The CTA is committed to continuing support for our TTOC's during these unprecedented times. A fund was established last school year and grocery store gift cards are still available to our TTOC Community.

For an application or if you have any questions please contact Diether Malakoff dmalakoff@cta43.org or Heidi Davis hdavis@cta43.org

CTA Anti Racism Working Group

The CTA is seeking 3 more BIPOC CTA members to form a working group to inform the Committee for Action on Social Justice's (CASJ) ongoing anti-racism policy work. This working group shall continue until a CTA standing committee on anti-racism is established. Meeting dates/times will be established once the working group is formed. If you have any questions about the working group please contact Diether Malakoff, 2nd Vice President at dmalakoff@cta43.org.

Please submit a CV form to the CTA office (padolf@cta43.org) before 4 pm, Wednesday, November 30, 2021.

PD POWER

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a workshop proposal for the February 25, 2022 PD day! The proposals will be reviewed and final selections made in early December. This year's CTA PD Day is titled "Transforming Perspectives" and the hope is that the various keynotes will spark conversations and reflection on the inequities within society. There will, of course, be a wide array of workshops for teachers to choose from. The schedule for the day will be the same as last year's with a choice of keynotes to start your day followed by two workshops, again of your choosing. It will be a virtual event and we are excited to collaborate with the Burnaby school district again this year. This year teachers will be attending from their work sites so there will be more opportunities to 'attend together' as within your school you can view keynotes or workshops with colleagues in the same space. I know that a lot of people want to return to in person events, but the complexities of a few thousand teachers in a building are immense and for everyone to feel comfortable and safe we had to remain in a virtual space. We are hopeful that we will be able to return to having everyone together soon, but in the meantime please be patient with virtual events and be kind if/when there are technical glitches.

- **Meggan Crawford PD Chair**

ACLA ASIAN CANADIAN LABOUR ALLIANCE FREE MOVIE NIGHT!

ACLA presents a selection from the 2021
Canadian Labour International Film Festival (CLIFF)

**Thurs, Nov 25, 2021
5:00pm PT (8:00pm ET)**

Tickets: <https://watch.eventive.org/cliff2021/play/618558385fd2c000301361dd>

Featuring: Treaty Walk – A Journey For Common Ground, The Invisible Monster, MIXI,
and Do Nothing And Do It Well

Film descriptions: <https://labourfilms.ca/the-2021-films/>



Congrats and Thank You!

The following members have
been appointed to positions
and committees from the
CTA;

Meggan Crawford
(Suwa'ikh/CTA Office)
CTA Support Position

Lena Da Costa (Citadel)
**District Reporting 2022
Reporting Group**

Ronak Pahlevanlu
(Riverside), **Ryan Cho** (Terry
Fox), **Melissa Illing**
(Centennial)

**CTA Anti-Racism Working
Group**

Coquitlam Teachers' Association



Lending Library
<https://ctalibrary.libib.com>
Email lendinglibrary@cta43.org to create an
account.





COMMITTEE FOR ACTION ON SOCIAL JUSTICE

CASJ Bookclub will be meeting on the first Thursday of each month this year.

On **Thurs Dec 2 (at 4pm on Teams)** we will be discussing Part II and III of Mariame Kaba's "We Do This 'Til We Free Us".

Meetings will run online via Teams while also having the option to meet in-person at a site that has yet to be determined.

Next committee meeting will be Thursday December 12 at 4pm on Teams.

We are moving forward with hosting a virtual/hybrid movie night, finishing touches on details to be done at this meeting. The committee will have received feedback from CTA regarding ongoing work on the Anti-Racism Advisory Committee by this time and work will continue there as well. **NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!!** Come on out and bring a friend!!

You can connect with us on Facebook at 'CTA CASJ' group as well as joining our group on Teams.

Please contact Committee Chair Karen Learmonth or CTA liaison Diether Malakoff with any questions.

TTOC COMMITTEE

Next committee meeting will be Tues January 11, 2022 at 4pm via zoom.

Connect with us on Facebook to join our community at 'CTA TTOCs'.

We need more members to get involved.

If you or anyone you know would like to get involved, please do reach out.

Anyone working as a TTOC, even a part-time contract, are eligible for membership in the TTOC committee.

Please contact committee chair Morgan McKee (chair.ttoc@gmail.com) or Diether Malakoff (dmalakoff@cta43.org) with any inquiries.

CTA Website

When **logging into the portal** on the CTA website your user name is your **employee number** NOT your email address

Personal Email Addresses

Please remember to supply the CTA with a personal email address - there are times we are unable to send information via your SD43 email.

Moments of Joy

Let's get back to celebrating the moments that make us smile, laugh, and enjoy our days - send **Moments of Joy** to mcrawford@cta43.org and they might be shared in our next newsletter!

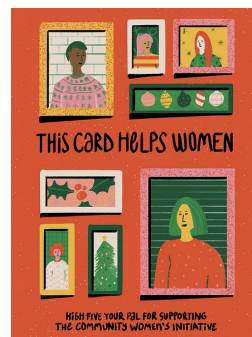
The winners of the 2021 Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards have been announced - winners in various categories and honorable mentions are included (You can also view winners from past years)

Comedy Wildlife Photography Awards - Conservation through Competition

It started with a text to the wrong number in 2016 and turned into a friendship - this year will be the sixth for these strangers turned friends to celebrate Thanksgiving together: Grandmother and teen who met accidentally by text will celebrate Thanksgiving together again (msn.com)

Volunteers came together to prepare 3000 meals that would be helicoptered in to those stuck in Hope: Surrey volunteers prep 3,000 meals to deliver to Hope by helicopter after B.C. storm (citynews.ca)

Community Women's Initiative *Holiday Fundraiser*



Holiday Cards

Community Women's Initiative is selling holiday cards to raise money for women's shelters in the Lower Mainland. Holiday cards are available for shipping Canada-wide and can be purchased through our website: communitywomensinitiative.com

Winter Item Drive

CWI is looking for both new items and monetary donations to help support women's shelters and transition houses in the Lower Mainland.

Some of the most requested items are:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Razors
- New Underwear
- Pyjamas
- Socks
- Grocery Giftcards
- Towels/Facecloths

Interested members can contact Diether Malakoff at the CTA Office for more information on drop off.

Monetary donations can be made through GoFundMe: gofundme.com/f/community-womens-initiative-fund



COMMITTEE VACANCIES

CTA PD Committee

2 Middle Reps, 1 Secondary Rep, 1 LSA Rep
2 Elementary Reps, 1 Adult Ed Rep, 1 TTOC Rep

CTA Teachers Teaching on Call Committee

5 members-at-large

CTA Committee of Action on Social Justice (CASJ)

2 Middle reps

New Westminster & District Labour Council

5 CTA reps

CTA Adult Educators

1 Learning Centre Rep, 1 High School Completion Rep

District Student Services Advisory Committee

2 CTA reps

District Student Achievement Advisory Committee

1 CTA rep

District Student Wellness & Safety Committee

1 CTA Rep

District Aboriginal Ed Advisory Committee

Currently Full

District French Advisory Committee

Currently Full

Teachers interested in any of these committees should go onto our website or click here for a curriculum vitae form and submit it to the CTA Office (padolf@cta43.org). If you have questions, call the CTA Office at **604-936-9971**.

Contact Us:

Please see the list below for the officer or staff member best able to help you.

(Last names A-F) Ken Christensen, President
kchristensen@cta43.org

(Last names G-L) Kara Obojski, 1st Vice-President
kobojski@cta43.org

(Last names M-R) Diether Malakoff, 2nd Vice-President
dmalakoff@cta43.org

(Last names S-Z) Andy Gilligan, Labour Relations Officer
agilligan@cta43.org

PD related questions

Meggan Crawford, PD Chairperson - mcrawford@cta43.org

CTA Administration

Kelly Roberts, Executive Director - kroberts@cta43.org

Accounting/Finance

Reimbursements, scholarship payments & CTA newsletter
Heidi Davis, Finance Administrator - hdavis@cta43.org

Scholarships, Committees, CTA PD Day

Pat Adolf, Administrative Associate - padolf@cta43.org

Membership Database & Website Access

Kelly Stewart, Office Clerk - kstewart@cta43.org

Office Clerk

Corbey Heyes-Jones, Office Clerk

If your situation is already being handled by an officer not matching your alpha assignment, then please continue to liaise with that officer.



How EFAP Can Help

Information to help with work and life
Confidential · Immediate Assistance · 24/7/365
Morneau Shepell · 1-844-880-9142
workhealthlife.com

Questions about your pension?

Go straight to the source for answers.

<https://tpp.pensionsbc.ca/pension-basics>

Online workshops and learning

<https://tpp.pensionsbc.ca/learning-resources>

Retirement Health Coverage

<https://tpp.pensionsbc.ca/retirement-health-coverage>

CTA Website Login

Information is posted on our website as quickly as we have it. Please make sure you are able to access the site. If you have any questions about login please contact [Kelly Stewart](#)

www.coquitlamteachers.com

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