



Convention 2011
Grande Prairie

Pensions

Committee Report

CUPE in the workplace

Committee Members

- Cyril Wilson Local 37
- Bibi Kelts Local 8
- Derek Benson Local 941
- Kobie Bylsma Local 417 - Rec/Sec
- Rosemary Kostiuk Local 3550 - Chair
- Scott Cush - Liasion
- Bruce McLeod - Nat Rep



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Mandate

- To help educate members, promote bargaining pensions and pension reform.



Pensions at Risk

- The attack on workers' pensions has been one of the most significant negative outcomes of the global economic crisis.



Our work in 2010

- The pension committee have and will to support CUPE's Strategic Directions by providing continued education on pension matters, preparing informational brochures, raising awareness and being a pension resource.



Alberta Politics

- Two out of three Albertans want their provincial government to work with other provinces to increase Canada Pension Plan (CPP) benefits
77% of Albertans believe CPP benefit increases should be the first priority for improving retirement security for all Canadians, according to a new poll released Feb 4, 2011



Our 2010 Partners



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Canadian Labour Congress
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Federal Flip/Flop

- Federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty made the abrupt announcement late last year of the Conservative government's intentions to delay CPP enhancements
- 59% of Albertans are against the Harper Conservatives decision to delay CPP benefit increases in favour of a proposed private pooled pension plan
- 80% say retirement security should be part of the debate in the next federal election.



Our plans for 2011

- To assist members in their transition from the workforce to retirement.
- CUPE needs a retirement planning course to assist members in their transition from the workforce to retirement.



Education Available

- Pension Committee requested more education for members. Member Pension education starts at **CUPE Weeklong School May 2011**. Locals should send their members for this valuable course. Members helping members, Locals helping Locals to increase our pension knowledge.

