



JOIN THE PRDTU'S LABOUR COUNCIL DELEGATION

- Once every two months (September to June) delegates of local unions in the North Coast Regional District meet to share information, promote the interests of local unions and their members, and organize activities that strengthen unions by advancing union values.
- The North Coast Labour Council is like a “chamber of commerce” but for union. The PRDTU is a leading union of the Labour Council and has helped build this network to the benefit of our members.
- Labour Councils are essential for strengthening unions at the local and regional level. They provide a common forum for local unions to work together. They also provide a venue for local unions in engage in civic activities and to promote local democracy. Delegates gain skills and form a network together.
- The North Coast Labour Council does things like:
 - Organize all candidates’ forums for City Council and Mayor elections every four years.
 - Organize public forums that bring union leaders and elected officials together.
 - Support other local unions during strikes and lock outs (bring coffee/donuts, help raise strike funds, join pickets, etc.).
 - Promote public infrastructure, clean water, affordable housing, and economic security for all.
 - Participate in trainings for union leaders at the local region through the Canadian Labour Congress, B.C. Federation of Labour, and at the local level (organized by the council itself).
 - Organize Labour Day events, memorials to workers who have been injured or killed at work.
- The PRDTU may send up to **four** delegates to the North Coast Labour Council. One delegate is the PRDTU President, and another delegate is the Labour Liaison Representative. Two other delegates are open for members to join and represent the membership of the union at the Labour Council.
- We elect our delegates at the AGM or (if a space is open) at a General Meeting at any point in the year.
- As a delegate, you are committing to attend a meeting about once every other month (on Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 PM). It is okay to not attend every meeting. Having four delegates strengthens the PRDTU’s voice and provides members with opportunities to get engaged in a local civic organization.

NORTH COAST LABOUR COUNCIL REMAINING MEETINGS THIS YEAR

- **Dates:** The council meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month (usually every other month)
 - **March 20**
 - **May 15**
 - **June 19**
- **Time:** 7:00 to 8:30 PM
- **Location:** Ayaawgm Hakhaʔels (Union Hall) 330 3 Ave W.

LABOUR COMMUNITY

The Labour Council brings union members together to a common forum to build a labour community.

LOCAL DEMOCRACY

Local democracy thrives when electors are engaged in the process. Labour Councils help us be engaged.

UNION SOLIDARITY

Unions are stronger and more effective by standing together with all workers. Solidarity makes us strong.



JOIN THE PRDTU SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

- ➔ Each school or site elects a Social Justice contact. This is usually done at the start of each school year. If your school does not have a contact, you should elect a contact at your school's next Union Staff Meeting.
- ➔ The PRDTU elects a Social Justice Chair at the PRDTU Annual General Meeting (held in May). Tom Kertes (at CHSS) is currently serving as the PRDTU Social Justice Chair, filling in for a vacancy and appointed at the PRDTU General Meeting in January.
- ➔ The Social Justice Chair volunteers as a member of the PRDTU Executive Committee (once a month), attends BCTF Zones (twice a year), and attends a BCTF Social Justice Conference (when offered).
- ➔ The PRDTU Social Justice Committee is comprised of one contact from each school or site and meets throughout the year to collaborate and coordinate between schools and sites. Meetings are held every other month (remaining for this year: February, April, and June). See the meeting schedule below.
- ➔ The Social Justice Committee strengthens our local union and supports barrier-free access to public education for all by aligning its work to the four focal points of the *BCTF Social Justice Lens*. These are:
 1. **ACCESS** Removing Barriers and Opening Access to Public Education for Each B.C. Student
 2. **AGENCY** Advancing Charter Rights and Strengthening Canadian Democracy Through Education
 3. **ADVOCACY** Promoting the Value of the B.C. Public Education System
 4. **SOLIDARITY** Building an Effective Coalition (for Action) to Remove Barriers and Open Access to Public Education, Advance Charter Rights and Strengthen Canadian Democracy, and Promote the Value of the B.C. Public Education System

PRDTU SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES AND TIMES

- ➔ **Dates:** The committee meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month (every other month)
 - **Feb. 10:** Develop a plan of what to do (using the lens – Access, Agency, Advocacy)
 - **April 14:** Develop a plan for how to build a coalition (for action) (using the lens – Solidarity)
 - **June 9:** Building on this year's plan/progress, develop a plan/priorities for 2025-26
- ➔ **Time:** 3:45 PM to 4:45 PM
- ➔ **Location:** Charles Hays Room 308

<u>ACCESS</u>	<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>ADVOCACY</u>
<p>How can the PRDTU work to help ensure equal access to public education for each SD52 student and family? How can the PRDTU help remove barriers to education and help guarantee that each student's human right to an education is upheld?</p>	<p>How can the PRDTU educate members, students, and families of their Charter and other human rights, including the right to an education, and help strengthen Canadian democracy at all levels of government, by promoting universal public education?</p>	<p>How can the PRDTU promote the value of the B.C. public education system and build support for the provision of adequate resources to provide universal public education on an equal basis for each student and family in British Columbia, including in SD52?</p>