

**President:** Dale Obirek

**Recording Secretary:** April Mancinelli

**Subject: IMPORTANT – School District By-election Advance Voting**

Dear Members,

This email is to encourage you to vote in the School District by-election.

**Advance voting opened February 3.** Other advance voting times and locations are as follows:

- **Wednesday, February 10:** 8 am to 8 pm at Heritage Park-44140 Luckakuck Way
- **Thursday, February 11:** 11am to 7pm at Heritage Park – 44140 Luckakuck Way

For information on what you need to vote, please visit [www.chilliwack.com](http://www.chilliwack.com) and follow the links on the main page regarding the by-election.

**For those voting by mail, be sure to get your ballot in on time.** You can drop off your completed ballot at any voting place during voting hours or anytime at City Hall prior to 4:30pm on Friday, February 12, 2021. The last chance to drop of your ballot is at one of the two voting places (Heritage Park and Chilliwack Landing Sports Centre) on Saturday, February 13, 2021, no later than 8 pm.

As your Executive, we want to make a statement on the events from last week involving one of the candidates..... the illegal posting of a billboard shaming Carin Bondar was perceived by your Union as a disgraceful attempt to demean and question her credibility as a suitable candidate for a School Trustee. Your Union stands against any behavior that is bullying, sexist, homophobic, and as in this instance looks to initiate an out of context smear campaign.....of which in our view is. We as a Union do not tolerate this kind of behavior within our Local. We are very disappointed to see these actions being played out within our own community.

While CUPE 411 has not officially endorsed any of the candidates, the Fraser Valley Labour Council has endorsed Carin Bondar through their process. Your CUPE Local 411 executive encourages all of our members to get out and vote, as you can make the difference in the Board of Education we have going forward.

In solidarity,

**CUPE 411 Exec**