

Newsletter

Happy July, everyone! We hope that you all have been able to enjoy the sunshine and beautiful weather. Summertime offers a unique opportunity to reflect, refresh, and recharge, and we're excited to share some updates and resources with you in this newsletter.

A message from our President:

Greetings, Local 33,

As we step into the summer months, it's a good time to reflect on the past several months. With a new Collective Agreement in place, one that, while not perfect, contains significant wins, I can't help but reflect on what we've achieved and what it took to get here. These successes are the direct result of our Members' unwavering insistence on better conditions. Personally, I'm more than ready to set aside the essential service staffing plans for now. Looking back on this challenging round of bargaining, what really stands out for me is the overwhelming support and the countless offers of assistance from our Ward Reps and Members as we prepared for possible job action. We, Local 33, were gold standard prepared, and while it's no surprise—this has always been the spirit of Local 33—it's a powerful reminder of why I'm so proud to be part of this Local. The work we did on staffing plans has already proven its value, and it will continue to be useful as we navigate future challenges. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this process and supported the Local through this work. It's not too early to start submitting proposals for the next round of bargaining. If you have something you'd like to put forward please let us know. As many of you head into well-deserved vacation time this summer, let's remember that for some of our colleagues, time off remains just a dream. Many will need to work extra shifts to cover for others during this peak vacation period, sometimes even being mandated to do so. It's a reminder that while we've made great strides, there's still much work to be done.

In solidarity,

Rochelle Walker, President, UNA Local 33

Have you used your Education Funding yet?

The Education Fund is comprised of monies obtained from EI Rebates via the employer that are held in Trust by Local 33. To be eligible for funding, you must:

1. Employed for at least 6 months within Local 33 at the time of application
2. Hold a minimum FTE of 0.4 in a perm or temp line.
3. Apply **at least** 4 weeks before the course start date.

To apply: Use the Education Funding Form at www.unalocal33.com/education-funding

Upcoming meetings:

- July 14th via Zoom from 1600-1700: A vote will be held for members to receive UNA retroactive pay. Voting on the selection process for the upcoming Provincial AGM will also occur.
- September 11th S203, ATC Atrium SB 1400-1500: Use your voice and vote towards how you want your Education Fund to be used. Open to members and duespayers.

Did you know?

Employees covered by the collective agreement between United Nurses of Alberta (UNA) and Alberta Health Services (AHS) who have had claims for prescription medication denied may submit them for review and possible reimbursement.

Massage coverage:

The benefit changes are effective on the first day of the month following 90 days from the date of ratification, which is August 1, 2025.

Long Service Pay Adjustment:

Reasonable proof of 20 calendar years of nursing service must be submitted to the Employer in order to receive the 2% retention recognition payment. Years of nursing service must total at least 20 calendar years, but the 20 calendar years do not have to be consecutive.

Events Recap:

Nurses Week

This Nurses Week, we celebrated with gifts, cake, and Plinko! Thank you for all of the feedback we have received. We are so thankful for all that you do and we loved getting to celebrate you.



AFL/CLC Winter Labour School:

Four Local 33 members spent 5 days in Jasper this past January. They took courses on labour history and occupational health and safety. Check out Lizanne and Heather enjoying the beautiful scenery!



CFNU 2025

Local 33 Executives and 3 members spent the week in beautiful Niagara Falls with nurses' unions from all over Canada. A large focus was on Truth and Reconciliation, where CFNU issued a National apology to First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples for the harms healthcare workers inflicted both historically and currently. Additionally, it was empowering to see that we are all united in the movement for a safer work environment and safe nurse-to-patient ratios.



Upcoming Events:

- Provincial AGM: October 28- 30th
 - The selection process will be voted on during the July 14th meeting.
 - Applications to be submitted in August, details to follow.
- Local 33 AGM December 2nd
 - Location: Chateau Louis Conference Centre
 - More details to come.

Questions? Comments?

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