

IN MEMORIAM – BROTHER KEITH MURPHY



In the early hours of April 12, Brother Keith Murphy was killed on the job in a workplace accident. Keith was 31 years old.

Having worked as an Access Technician for Telus since 2015, Keith hailed out of Unit 4 in the Kootenay region of Eastern British Columbia.

Naturally, this is a difficult time for Keith's family, friends, and coworkers, and they are being supported by the USW Emergency Response Team.

If you are in need of personal support from your Union to cope with this tragic loss, please reach out to our USW Staff Representative Jayson Little at jlittle@usw.ca or 778-837-3584.

Local 1944 has conveyed our heartfelt condolences to Keith's family during this difficult time. Please be considerate and respectful of the family during this time of sorrow.

1944 is doing all that we can to assist the ongoing investigation, and to show our support to the Murphy / Ricard families.

UNION PROUD

UFCW 1518 STAFF LOCKOUT

On April 8, our very own Michelle Dey, Chris Stephens, and Tamara Marshall were on the scene in New Westminster to support the staff of UFCW 1518 - who were locked out by their employer... another Union!

The lockout came after the members twice rejected - by 100% - the Employer's concessionary offers. Represented by USW Local 2009, the locked-out staff support over 20,000 UFCW 1518 members.

"The lockout is not the first hit to staff. In 2021, the employer unilaterally reduced health and welfare benefits without bringing those changes to the bargaining table" writes Al Bieksa in an [article](#) on the USW 2009s website.

"While the employer has relentlessly rummaged for places to slash their staff's collective agreement, they refuse to provide compelling evidence that would suggest these cuts are necessary," says Bieksa.

"It was a great show of solidarity!" said Chris Stephens.



Tamara Marshall, Michelle Dey & Chris Stephens



Members of USW 2009



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USW LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Congratulations to members Harleigh Hansen, Jodi Kawinsky and Ashok Tripathi for completing Level 1 of USW's Leadership Development Scholarship Program.

This four year program, separated into four week-long training sessions, provides a unique opportunity for specialized activist training.

The LDS Program is especially noteworthy in that each of these members were selected by President, Donna Hokiro for their demonstrated commitment and service to Local 1944.

We're so proud of you!



Harleigh Hansen



Jodi Kawinsky



Ashok Tripathi

**SINCE THE BEGINNING
OF THE PANDEMIC,
THE COMPANY HAS YET
TO SHOW PROPER THANKS
FOR YOUR EXTRAORDINARY
EFFORTS & CONTRIBUTIONS...**

SO WE WILL!

**TO EACH AND EVERY ONE
OF OUR MEMBERS,
FROM THE BOTTOM
OF OUR HEARTS,**

**THANK YOU
FOR
KEEPING CANADA CONNECTED
DURING THE PANDEMIC**

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DONNA HOKIRO



GOODBYE, CAROLINE



CAROLINE TORRALBA

This month, we said farewell to our amazingly talented communications specialist, Caroline Torralba, as she moves on to her next adventure back in her native France.

Simply 'Caro' to her friends, she joined our team in 2017 and quickly became a crucial member thanks to her expertise and willingness to help. She has set a very high bar in such a very short span of time and we will miss her.

And while we are happy to see her move forward, we are equally sad to say goodbye to her sharp wit and bright personality and wonderful sense of humour. All the best!

"Caroline, you made the workplace brighter by just being in it. Thanks for being so easy to work with and for everything you did for the Local and all of our members. You have a talent that is recognized and appreciated by all who worked with you. You will be missed. Wishing you all of the success the world has to offer in whatever you do."

In friendship,

DONNA HOKIRO
PRESIDENT

"Caro, right from day one, was a pleasure to work with. She was always willing to roll up her sleeves and dive into any project we were working on and was eager to learn about the labour movement and becoming passionate about our members."

STEVE MCWHIRTER
LOCAL UNION REPRESENTATIVE

"Caro is a hard worker and is always willing to do her best on any work she was assigned to. She's a very funny person and I'm going to miss her a lot. Good thing on my next trip to France, we plan to see each other."

MONIQUE PLANTE
CLERICAL

"Caroline has always shown amazing professionalism and care in her work with the Local. Her role is extremely multi-faceted and her design work, writing, and French translation work have been indispensable. She's always shown grace and constant kindness under a lot of pressure. Thank you Caroline for your work over these years in keeping us engaged with our membership."

MICHAEL PHILLIPS
SECRETARY-TREASURER

"Caroline has been a huge asset to our Local and myself personally. Her commitment to excellence and her bright and positive demeanour will be sorely missed. I wish her the very best on all her future endeavours."

ROSS BROWN
TRUSTEE

"Caro is a very talented person who has done a great job to improve Local 1944 communications and social media presence. I have had the pleasure of working with her on many communication matters and wish her all the best!"

PERRY PASQUALETTO
LOCAL UNION REPRESENTATIVE

"Caroline has been instrumental to the Local since day one, in keeping us connected with our members in so many different ways. She is very talented, has a keen eye to detail and was easy to work with, and we are sad to see her go. Thank you Caro for all that you contributed! We will miss you.."

PIERRE-LUC DICK
VICE-PRESIDENT

"Caro has been a wonderful co-worker. She's extremely professional and is very good at her job. We always enjoyed her cooking super healthy foods, trying to teach us how to make sourdough bread and how she loves chocolate. We haven't seen her in 2 years and will miss her very much. We'll need to visit her in France!"

SUSAN DOUGLAS-LABBÉ
CLERICAL

"Caroline was fantastic at highlighting the efforts of our local, and often ensured she touched base with our front line members to ensure their efforts were highlighted for the labour movement to see. I wish her well in all her future endeavors."

STEVE DURRELL
LOCAL UNION REPRESENTATIVE

"I had a blast each time Caro and I worked together on a project. I thoroughly enjoyed discussing various places she wanted to visit and chatting about life in general. Sad to see her leave."

CHRIS STEPHENS
LOCAL UNION REPRESENTATIVE