



TERMS OF REFERENCE

PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE

The Environment and Climate Justice Committee will provide recommendations for action to the CUPE BC Executive Board to build membership engagement, foster climate justice, and inspire meaningful environmental interventions. The committee aims to protect the equality, health, and well-being of our planet and its inhabitants.

STRUCTURE OF COMMITTEE

- Chairperson to be appointed by the CUPE BC President.
- Co-Chairperson to be elected by the committee.
- Recording secretary to be elected by the committee.
- Members are appointed by the Executive Board.
- A CUPE National staff representative will be assigned to support the committee by attending meetings, providing advice and guidance to the committee, and liaising with other CUPE National staff and departments.

TERM

The term of service on the committee is two years or as otherwise determined by the Executive Board.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- The committee shall take direction from, and be responsible to, the CUPE BC Executive Board. Between meetings of the Executive Board, tasks may be assigned to the committee by the Administrative Committee or by the President.
- The committee Chairperson shall report on a regular basis to the CUPE BC Executive Board.
- To make recommendations to the CUPE BC Executive Board proposing and implementing emergency-level initiatives and activities that reduce carbon emissions, promote just transition strategies, and protect the environment within CUPE and beyond.
- Submit signed copies of minutes of all meetings to the CUPE BC office as soon as possible following meeting adjournment.
- Make recommendations to the Executive Board to deal with resolutions passed at the CUPE BC Convention concerning environmental issues.
- Work in conjunction with other committees where activities may overlap.
- A report of the committee's activities for the preceding year shall be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer of CUPE BC upon request.
- The Committee makes a recommendation of the Environment & Climate Justice Award recipient to the Secretary-Treasurer.
- In making recommendations, the committee will consider a diversity of perspectives in our deliberations.

COMMITTEE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Specific goals and objectives for the committee to work towards during the term are to be determined at the One Big Committee Meeting (OBCM) and outlined in the committee action plan. OBCM will normally be held in the fall following the appointment of the committee. Goals and objectives must be consistent with the purpose of the committee, the CUPE BC Constitution, the CUPE National Environment Policy, and any resolution(s) passed at the CUPE BC Convention. They must be approved by the Executive Board prior to implementation.

