

CUPE NB Environment Committee

Meeting – 10am Fredericton Inn

September 29, 2025

Present	Absent
Shelbie Dodge	Steven Richards
Ryan Wentworth	
Serge Plourde	

How do we revamp CUPE NB Terms of reference for this committee?

Shelbie, acclamation, Chair of the committee (who will also take some notes).

Short term ideas:

Convention ideas:

- Convention swag, reusable coffee cups or ceramic mugs instead of disposable cups
- One nice thing (mugs) vs a lot of disposable swag we all just throw away at the end of conventions
- Options for recycling vs just garbage cans
- Support local/use fair trade coffee
- Either or option at registration vs printed copies because we get USB stick currently
- Solidarity tree/sapling, take home at the end of the committee, plant and grow and nurture (get quotes, Shelbie)

Within our locals:

- Lobby locals to activate environment committees, use more environmentally options, be more aware of the waste
- Door knockers/how can you reduce waste within your local?

Earth day:

- Lobby provincial division to do something for earth day (April 22, 2026)
- Solidarity trees fit into this as well

National:

- Is there money that this committee could get access to? For the trees?

Long-term goals:

- Make convention completely paperless (90%)

Other days related to:

- Earth Day (April 22)
- World Water day (March 22) would have in common with other committees

Lobby GNB:

- Figure out how/what to lobby

Lobby CUPE NB board:

- Get their support to download onto the locals
- Environment committee's watermark/logo for better engagement/recognition/use for campaigns, have people use it on Facebook to mark pictures etc.
- Get more spots on the environmental committee
- Resolution for inactive committee members

Serge –

National Environment Committee

Bill 19 (pensions/Shell gas/where the pension money goes)

AI technology

Earth day/National funding

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Timelines, task delegations:

1. Get quote for solidarity trees (Shelbie)
2. Find out about the free trade coffee, use in the building (Ryan)
3. Committee terms of reference, tackle together, set meeting for December for deadline in January, committee functionality/structure (Both)
4. Convention swag bags, contact Iris about that (Shelbie)
 - Is it possible? Swag bags should be less wasteful. Do we need the bags to even be as big for what is in them?
5. Talk to planning committee about recycling bins at convention (Ryan)
6. Convention USB vs printed (Shelbie)
7. Can we have a table at convention? (Shelbie)
 - Door knockers or something for convention? Is that wasteful
 - Is the table the jumping off point for the trees?
8. Report for convention can include what we can do to be less wasteful within our locals
 - Could that be on the USB from convention so it isn't wasteful paper?
9. Funding for national – trees (Ryan)
10. Connect with comms rep about logos for the committee (Ryan)

11. Email blast/Earth Day (Shelbie)

- Poster
- What needs to be on there?

What do we have in common with other committees?

- Human Rights/Water is life campaign
- Health and Safety/want people to be healthier in the workplace