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Technological change is here to stay, the good and the bad

Could health and fitness data from your wearable fitness tracker be used against you in court?

It's quite possible, if a precedent-setting case in Calgary goes to trial.

Lawyers are representing a woman who was injured in an accident four years ago. They want to submit data from her FitBit to show how her physical abilities have been limited since the accident, by presenting data showing that her activity levels are now lower than the average person of her age.

"It's an interesting tool that the plaintiffs are using. They're voluntarily giving over a lot of private information that this woman has collected about her health and her fitness.

"As wearable technology advances, these devices may truly become the 'black box' for the human body, providing incredible insight into the health, lifestyle, and behavior of the wearer."

"But what, if any, privacy rights should the wearers of these high-tech devices maintain over this electronic information once the wearer files a personal injury claim?"

As fitness trackers become more popular and the data more accurate and reliable, they could play an increasingly important role in court

Lawyers and insurance agents must closely watch the Calgary case and others that may follow, to see how courts rule on the admissibility of the information. Also, they may want to see whether the courts allow defendants to compel plaintiffs to turn over such data.

Events

General Meeting	Surrey Ops Centre	October 12/16	5:15pm
General Meeting	Union Office	Nov 9/16	5:15pm
Shop Steward Meeting	Union Office	TBA	5:00pm
OH&S Meeting	Union Office	TBA	5:00pm
Children's Christmas Carnival		December 2016	

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Bargaining Committee

The Bargaining Committee and the City have been on hiatus for the summer due to many people being on holidays. We have set dates in October and hope to settle a new Collective Agreement as soon as we can.

Scholarship Committee

A friendly reminder from the Scholarship Committee: Any members applying or those who would like their child to apply for next years scholarships (2017) must to attend 2 General Membership Meetings, between September 2016 to May 2017.

Applications must be received at the Union office by September 15, 2017. Paperwork includes application, transcript of grades, acceptance letter from post-secondary institution and proof of payment for courses.

All applicants without 2 meetings or missing paper work will not qualify for scholarships.

Young Workers Committee

On September 20th, members of the Young Workers Committee and friends volunteered their time to participate in The Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup to celebrate World Rivers Day.

Starting at King George Boulevard at 88th Avenue and working up to 92nd Avenue, a group removed almost 70 lbs of litter from forested areas along Quibble Creek. This salmon-bearing channel flows to Bear Creek Park, a popular destination to observe spawning chum at this time of year. Notable debris from the items collected includes a microwave, Christmas wreath, used syringes, and 16 butane tanks.

Keep your eyes open for future Young Workers events as they are planning more volunteering events for the near future."

Keep us, up to date

Do you know someone who has had a baby, recently married, is off from work sick, or has had a loved one pass?

Let us know, about yourself or about your co-workers. This enables us to stay in touch, offer support or make sure they have access to the proper benefits or services they require. Such as union sick bank, counselling or messages of congratulations or support from your union.

Also if anyone is just wanting further information on services or counselling – or would just like to talk over coffee, please contact the office for a Peer to Peer Union Member who would be happy to assist you.

Labour Day History

On Monday September 5th, 2016, it was a National day off in this country, called Labour Day.

Canada recognized Labour Day in 1894, but despite the holiday, it was almost 50 years later that the changes workers wanted became a reality. In the United States, President Franklin D Roosevelt signed into law an 8-hour workday, 5-day workweek, and an end to child labour.

This year, Labour Day was celebrated with outdoor festivals in both Chilliwack and Burnaby, with hundreds in attendance

