



# CITY SCOOP

## NSTU Halifax City Local



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### Message From the President



#### 11 days until a well-deserved break!

Since stepping into this role, I've been inspired by the reps and members who've reached out. You've shown again and again that we are the *NSTU*. Every voice strengthens our collective. Speaking up and taking action isn't easy—but it matters. Well done, team. Reach out to schedule a visit!

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### Upcoming Events/Due Dates

#### Register for all Zoom sessions:

[economicwelfaresessions@gmail.com](mailto:economicwelfaresessions@gmail.com)

**December 9<sup>th</sup>:** Contracts Zoom session\*

**January 7:** Article 60 Conference

Grant/Inservice Promotion Grant

Application Due

**January 15:** [EDUWellness Grant By Members for members](#)

**January 28:** Article 60 Conference  
Grant/Inservice Promotion Grant  
Application Due

**January 28<sup>th</sup>:** Local General Meeting. All  
Halifax City Members welcome. 4:30 at 3106  
Joseph Howe drive \*At this meeting we will  
vote on Our Annual Council delegates. Any  
member can put their name in.

### Annual Council 2026

(May 1-3, 2026 Westin Hotel)

#### The Annual Council

is the NSTU's big yearly meeting where teachers from across Nova Scotia set priorities, debate resolutions, approve the budget, and elect leaders every second year. Think of it as the union's "parliament." Our Local has **10 delegate spots** and **3 alternates**, with some spots reserved for members who have never attended and for equity-deserving members. Email your name to be considered or attend the **January 28** meeting when we vote. A brief meeting will follow.



### City Shout-Out: Morris Grey

Morris Grey, a Halifax West teacher, is known for his steady presence and supportive nature. He leads with care and consistency, building strong relationships that make him a trusted colleague and mentor. Affectionately called "the dad" at Halifax West, Morris brings professionalism, warmth, and support every day. He sees himself as a guide for students, believing the classroom belongs to them. Thank you for the impact you make!

### Important Notices

**YOGA with Matt Berghuis Expression of interest** (Location: JL Ilesley High School) \$10 for 4 weeks for Halifax City members

Sessions run 4:15–5:15 p.m.

**Block 1 (Jan 8–29) or Block 2 (Feb 5–26).**

**Participants may choose one or both if space allows. Apply by Dec 22 (4 p.m.)**

Follow the link: [Yoga registration](#)

Or Use QR code below:



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### IT'S IN OUR AGREEMENT

#### ARTICLE 60 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND

**60.08** The Fund shall be allocated to the following categories:

- **Educational Leaves** – up to 1 year (short term leave could be 10 months to complete an upgrade)
- **Conference Grants**
- **Professional Development Grants**
- **Teacher/School In-service Education**
- **Authorized Admin Expenses** (Article 60.13)

**Teacher Provincial Agreement (TPA):** [TPA Link](#)

**QR Code and Link to Halifax Regional Agreement.** The agreement covers local provisions including bereavement leave, staffing, transfers, postings, and surplus teacher processes.



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