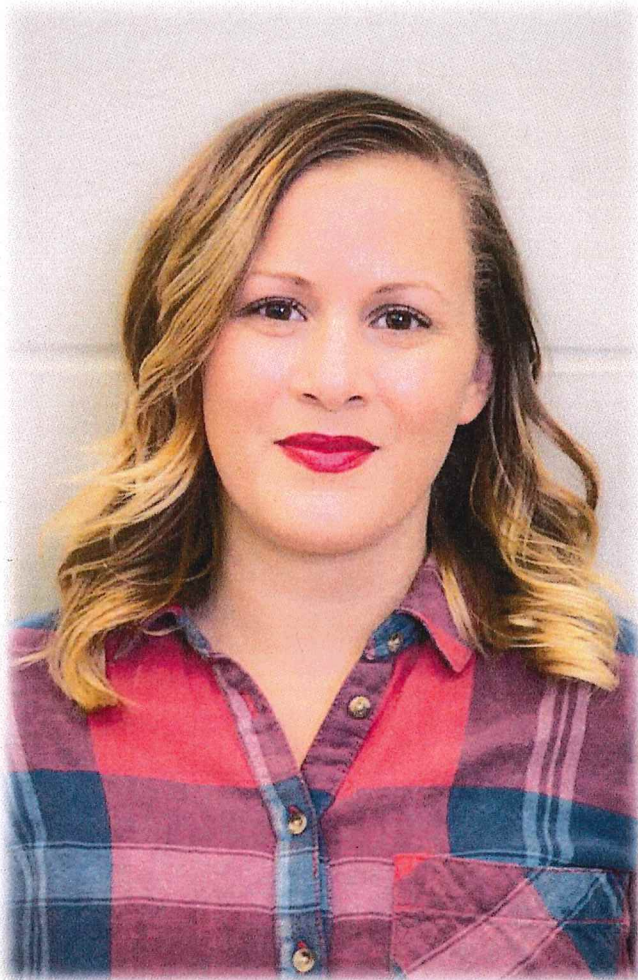


Danielle (DJ) Pohl



I am respectfully seeking re-election as the 1204 Local Executive 1st Vice Chair. I currently work for the BC Prosecution Service at the Chilliwack Crown Counsel office and have been there for 10 years. I started my union experience about seven years ago as a steward and quickly stepped into a number of young worker positions within BCGEU as well as provincially through the BC Federation of Labour and nationally with the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) representing our national union, NUPGE (the National Union of Public and General Employees). I then became involved with the Fraser Valley Labour Council first as a BCGEU delegate, followed by sitting on the executive on behalf of BCGEU and finally was elected Labour Council President in January 2017. In May 2017 I was additionally elected to represent all Labour Councils in the Pacific Region on Canadian Council (the governing body of the CLC between conventions).

I am a member of the BCGEU Environment Committee which makes recommendations to the Provincial Executive on environmental and policy issues. I also co-chair the BC Federation of Labour Climate Change Working Group and was recently appointed to the Climate Solutions Clean Growth Advisory Council to the Premier of BC. I have facilitated for the Alive After Five program for the BC Fed, which is a program that teaches high school students about their rights as workers, hazards on the worksite and the right to refuse

unsafe work. I am currently the Chair of the Chilliwack Restorative Justice Board of Directors where I have volunteered and contributed to the community for the past ten years. I have a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Fraser Valley and I enjoy contributing professionally and personally to the community, Labour movement and Criminal Justice System with regards to criminal, social and environmental justice, occupational health and safety and worker rights.

Passion and justice are what drives me and I truly care about our community and our Union. Working towards positive, progressive change, improving the lives of workers and community members, and advocating for fairness, equality and justice in the community and Labour movement is incredibly important to me. I care about this for the right reasons, we all deserve to have safe and respectful workplaces with the freedom to achieve the growth, fulfillment and security we desire in the important work that we do. I commit to fighting for this and acting in the best interests of our members. I would like to see the direction and priorities of our Local, Component and Union shaped by the members in it. This means continuing to improve communication between our members, stewards, local officers and our Union to create stronger support networks and avenues to receive and provide information from and to the BCGEU. I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to gain professional union experience in the BCGEU Organizing department intermittently over the last two years and I am excited to bring that experience back into the worksites within the 1204 local. I would like to strengthen our member outreach and engagement and provide opportunities for education, knowledge sharing, networking and mentorship. Heading to the bargaining table in 2018 it's important we ensure members are engaged in the process, have all the information and utilize their voices in order to make improvements to our rights and collective agreement language.

I would love to hear your ideas, thoughts, questions, comments and interests.

In Solidarity,

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