

CUPE 454 CANDIDATE PROFILE SHEET



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Executive at Large – Diversity



WHY I AM RUNNING FOR THIS POSITION:

As a first-generation Canadian, I am passionate about promoting equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) in my personal and professional life. I understand the importance of representation and want to use my skills and experience to support the union's valuable work.

MY EXPERIENCE:

In 2021 I joined the City of Delta as the Curator working out of the Douglas J. Husband Discovery Centre in Ladner. I primarily work with the community and develop, maintain, and coordinate the collection and exhibitions throughout the city. In this role I focus on establishing and maintaining long-term and meaningful relationships and engaging with and promoting the diverse history of Delta. Over the past 15 years I have worked for a variety of municipalities and not-for-profit institutions including the City of New Westminster, the Britannia Mine Museum, Vancouver Chinatown Foundation's Storytelling Centre, Museum of Vancouver, Royal BC Museum, and Langley Centennial Museum.

My early career explored issues in Canadian identity, community engagement, and cultural memory. Since 2020, I have increasingly incorporated diversity, accessibility, and inclusion in my professional work. In 2022 I sat on the City of Coquitlam's Multicultural Advisory Committee providing a local perspective and advice to Council with the goal of enhancing the culture of the community. That same year, I began working as an IBPOC Museum Professionals Advisory Member for the BC Museums Association (BCMA) where I help guide and advise BCMA staff on how to support racially marginalized museum workers. In November 2022, I spoke at a plenary session at the BCMA conference in Victoria discussing the future of BC's arts, culture, and heritage sector with a specific focus on how to build a more inclusive and equitable future. I continue to seek out opportunities to learn about and practice EDI.

MY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR OUR UNION:

I want to help the union prioritize diversity, accessibility, and anti-racism in how we function and integrate and align the needs of its diverse members with the overall design of its plans, policies, programs, and initiatives. I hope to build awareness and knowledge for our members around EDI and provide opportunities for us to learn about and discuss these important topics.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

I develop relationships in the spirit of open communication, learning and respect. I aim to provide an approachable and judgement-free space that encourages questions and conversation. Feel free to visit me at the Discovery Centre for a tour and a chat – I'll even make tea! Or I'd be happy to visit your facility. mtaylor@delta.ca