

April 8, 2022

Benefit Re-Enrolment Time

There have been some adjustments to our Medavie Blue Cross benefits packages surrounding Dependent Life Insurance, it is now mandatory and became effective April 1st. You should see these changes on your paystub for April 21st. Please take the time to review your coverage and ensure you are satisfied with your current services and programs. You are eligible to make changes to your benefits until **April 14th** by returning the complete form to MyHR@halifax.ca. After the renewal period closes, you will need a “qualified Life Event” to have occurred to adjust your benefits. Please see the attached Benefit Re-enrolment Newsletter for more information.

Duke Tower Elevators – Out of Order

Halfway there! Two out of the four elevators have been repaired and are back in service. Rumor is there are still some bugs being worked out, so add some extra time for “travel” or consider the stairs for those lower levels.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Sexual harassment, assault, and abuse can happen anywhere, including in online spaces. For too long harassment, cyberbullying, and sexual abuse and exploitation have come to be expected as typical and unavoidable behaviors online. **Building Safe Online Spaces Together** (this year’s theme) is possible when we practice digital consent, intervene when we see harmful content and behaviors, and promote online communities that value respect, inclusion, and safety. For more information on the prevention of sexual violence and help, reach out to <https://breakthesilencens.ca/>

April is Tax Time – T2200

For the past two years, many (but not all) of us having been working at least a portion of our hours at home. As a result those who have worked at home can take advantage of the CRA deduction for working at home by filling out form T2200; available at <https://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/forms-publications/forms/t2200.html> for you to download and fill out (or attached). If you have issues with sign-off from your supervisor or manager reach out to a member of the Local 13 Executive and we can help with the process.

Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up

With the snow finally gone (fingers crossed) and the nice weather here more and more, we can be outside enjoying the great outdoors more (before all the bugs come 😊). Why not get the family together, or maybe some neighbours and participate in the Great Nova Scotia Pick-Me-Up? It’s the province’s largest volunteer-driven community litter clean-up program. Once registered all the required supplies are provided, and there is even an opportunity to win a Staycation prize for participating. In 2019, over 14,000 people participated in more than 557 clean-up groups throughout the province to pick up over 10,000 bags of litter and over 208,000 pounds of trash and litter from roadsides and shorelines. To find out more, or register your own team, office and registration opens April 11th; visit <https://www.nspickmeup.ca/>