

**THE NEU IS LOOKING FOR A SERVICE OFFICER (DEVELOPMENTAL POSITION)**

This is an indeterminate position based in Iqaluit and the successful applicant will work with the NEU Service Officers to learn the full scope of job duties associated with this position.

**Preference will be given to Nunavut Land Claim Beneficiaries.**

The Service Officer is the main point of contact for NEU Members and some of the main duties are: Ensuring Collective Agreements are respected and Members rights are protected; Providing representation to NEU Members; Organizing Members into well-functioning locals; and Coordinating the active participation in the bargaining process. Salary starts at \$88,009.84 which is equivalent to 80 percent of the Service Officer Rate and a complete northern benefits package is offered. Staff housing is provided.

**Deadline to apply is July 5, 2021.** For details on how to apply and a full job description, please visit [www.neu.ca](http://www.neu.ca).

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**NEU NEWS UPDATES:**

**NEU EIGHTH (8<sup>th</sup>) Triennial Component Convention October 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Iqaluit Nunavut:** As of June, 2021 the plan is to hold the upcoming NEU Convention 'in-person'. The Convention was rescheduled from October 2020 to October 2021 due to COVID-19 health precautions in place last year. Recent Public Service Alliance (PSAC) Conventions have been held virtually. With this in mind, the NEU will have a back-up plan in place to hold the NEU Convention virtually in case of any further COVID-19 related issues.

The NEU President, Executive and staff would like to thank all Members who put their names forth as Regional Vice-President candidates or as a Local Delegates. These individuals will be contacted by NEU President William (Bill) Fennell directly, or, through their Locals as applicable.

**NEU Head Office Status Update:** The NEU Head Office in Iqaluit reopened Friday June 4, 2021 after being closed since mid-April due to COVID-19 public health concerns and precautions. As part of our office reopening and in-line with mandatory precautions designed to protect the staff, our Members and the general public there are restrictions on the amount of individuals allowed in the building at any given time. With this in mind, the NEU is asking Members to call 979.4209 or email their Service Officer or other NEU representative instead of just 'dropping by'.

We are also asking Members in Cambridge Bay (867.222.2353) and Rankin Inlet (867.645.4258) to call or email when they need to speak to their Service Officer. The NEU thanks our Members for their understanding and patience with this situation and appreciates their efforts in keeping Nunavut safe and healthy.

NEU Officers are open from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm (local times) until June 21<sup>st</sup> when we switch to summer hours (9:00 am to 5:00 pm) until after Labour Day Weekend.

## WE ARE NOT THERE YET - BUT TOGETHER WE WILL GET THERE



I truly look forward to the day when I can start a message to Members without a mention of COVID-19.

We are not there yet, but, we are well on our way. The recent lifting of the public health safety precautions in Iqaluit and the adjustment to Nunavut isolation and quarantine rules bear witness to a positive direction in the efforts to combat this global epidemic.

These positive trends would not have been possible without the success of public health safety precautions and Nunavut's efficient and successful vaccination program.

I wanted to take this opportunity to say a thank you to Members on two fronts.

The first thing I wanted to thank Members for is for showing leadership in following public health safety precautions and those who put community first and got (or will get) vaccinated.

Getting vaccinated is a personal choice that all Members must make on their own. As President of the NEU, all I can do is ask Members to make an informed choice. Facebook and other social media platforms can be a tremendous source of information and entertainment, but, they should not be anyone's primary source for COVID-19 news or the place to make a decision about something as important as getting vaccinated or not.

I urge all Members (and all those that call Nunavut home) to visit the [Government of Nunavut website](#) or [www.canada.ca](http://www.canada.ca) if you have not yet started the vaccination process. There is a reason why (at this date) isolation rules are different for those who have been fully vaccinated and those who have not yet been.

The second thank you I need to make is to our

### **Health Care Workers and other front-line workers.**

Without the efforts these incredible individuals, we would not be on the path back to recovery.

Each and every day, our nurses and other health care and front-line workers went into work with one goal in mind - the health and safety of our great Territory.

The NEU's appreciation and recognition of these true heroes should be echoed and seconded by every citizen of Nunavut each and every day that we continue on the path to recovery and a semblance of normal day-to-day life.

### **Where to now?**

Once all travel and public meeting/gathering restrictions are completely lifted, the NEU will be back on the road and visiting communities.

We will be doing this to pick-up on and continue an undertaking to create more responsive community-based locals.

In the short-term, our focus will be on the upcoming NEU EIGHTH (8<sup>th</sup>) Triennial Component Convention October 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Iqaluit Nunavut:

The Convention, delayed from 2020 is where the direction and focus of your Union is established and I look forward to it.

### **For Government of Nunavut (GN) Members**

On [April 27<sup>th</sup> I wrote a Message](#) to you about the state (or lack) of Collective Bargaining. Since that message, the Minister of Human Resources said that the GN and NEU should get back to the bargaining table. We have heard nothing since that statement.

We will update GN Members shortly with the next steps in this unacceptably stalled process.

**In solidarity,**

**William (Bill) Fennell President, NEU**

June is Pride Month and the NEU proudly supports all members of the LGBTQ2+ community as they celebrate and highlight their unabashed and rightful pride. As a Union, it is our solemn duty to ensure that **ALL** Members are treated equally, fairly and with dignity in their workplaces. As a Canadian entity, it is also our job to encourage and support all efforts to ensure that **ALL** Canadians are also treated equally, fairly and with dignity in their daily lives. Please visit [www.neu](http://www.neu) to see more.

