



Elect Michelle Hertner for Vice President

I have had the honour of working as a HandyDart driver since 2003. During my time I have had the opportunity to be involved in several roles representing our Membership. First was as a line trainer with MVT for 6 years and then as a Health and Safety for over 9 years with MVT and First Transit. My commitment to the Membership is to hold the company to task on treating every member fairly, whether it be in a Grievance or resolving issues. I am approachable and will make sure that the workers concerns, or questions get answered. I have been a Steward for almost 8 years representing the drivers, and in the last few years representing the office workers. I have been on the Executive Board as the Sofa Rep 2 for 4 years now and dedicate myself to the members in all facets. My assertiveness can come across as intense sometimes, but it always comes from a place of compassion. I was also fortunate to have the opportunity to

be on the Negotiation Committee working on the Collective Bargaining Agreement that was ratified December 5th, 2020. This experience was something that enlightened me on how important our Union is for ALL. This is the reason for me stepping up when our local had both the Vice President and Financial/Recording Secretary/Treasurer resign within a few weeks of each other leaving 2 table officer positions vacant. I feel these positions are the foundation of our local and should be filled by a true Unionist without a personal agenda. Thus, the reason I am running for the Vice President position.

I will continue to be the voice that speaks out for our Brothers and Sisters and mentor others to be as strong as I will continue to be.

My dear Grampa who was part of the Ottawa Trek in 1935, striking for better working conditions in the camps would say to me..... "If you don't stand for something you'll fall for anything, so stand tall and be heard."

I am speaking out on what being part of a Union means to me and the dedication to the membership without and ego or a self-serving motive. The only way a Union can thrive is by Unity and Solidarity, supporting each other and not tearing one another down.....this is Unionism

In Solidarity