



Welcome to AUPE Local 005 Natural Resources Conservation Services

Who is Local 005?

Natural Resources Conservation Services represent employees of the Government of Alberta who work to preserve, protect, and manage our natural forests, mountains, lakes, rivers, foothills and prairie landscapes, fish and wildlife species as well as the flora and fauna.

Local 005 is made up of members from the following Divisions: Forestry, Lands, Fish and Wildlife, Wildfire and Conservation.

The Executive Board is made up of elected Council representatives from around the Province who oversee the affairs of the Local. The 2023-2025 Local 005 Executive Board is:

Position	Member	Email
Chair	Chris Joly	Email Local 005 Chair
Vice-Chair	Pat King	Email Local 005 Vice-Chair
Secretary	Brooke Martens	Email Local 005 Secretary
Treasurer	Crystal Ionson	Email Local 005 Treasurer
Provincial Executive Member	Brett Buerger	Email Local 005 PE Rep

In addition to the Executive Board, other important positions are established to assist in the running of the Local. These positions include:

Position	Member
Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Liaison	Dean Walker
Chief Steward	Chris Joly
Alternate Provincial Executive Member	Pat King

COMMITTEES

Local 005 establishes the following standing committees: to provide a variety of services to the Local:

The **Finance Committee** assists the Treasurer in the performance of their duties and provides oversight regarding the financial affairs of the Local.

The **Employee Relations Committee** (ERC), as established in Subsidiary #5 of our Collective Agreement, is a joint Committee between the employer and Natural Resources Conservation Services employees to discuss matters of mutual interest. They address non-bargaining issues.

The Chair of the **Bargaining Committee** represents Local 005 on the Government Services Bargaining Committee (all the Government Services Locals bargain as a single unit). As this is a big job, the committee members assist the Chair in the bargaining process. The bargaining committee can be reached at bargaininglocal005@aupe.ca.

The **Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Committee** advances inclusion in the workplace and seeks solutions to replace racism and other forms of discrimination with solidarity.

The **Promotional Products Committee** distributes swag to members.

The **Strategic Planning Committee** is leading the development and implementation of our Local 005 Strategic Plan which is focussed on increasing member engagement.

Committee	Members
Finance	Crystal Ionson (Chair) Chris Joly Pat King Brooke Martens Brett Buerger Jeff Bleach
Employee Relations (ERC)	Jeff Bleach (Chair), representing Lands Pat King, representing Conservation Officers Aaron Townsend, representing Wildfire/Forestry Kole Fitzsimmons, representing Fish and Wildlife Officers Trish Kelley, representing Biologists
Bargaining	Jeff Bleach (Chair ¹) Brett Buerger Neil McNalty David Downes Brendan Busato
Inclusion, Diversity and Equity	Brooke Martens (Chair) Jenn Bowlby
Promotional Products	Pat King (Chair) Aaron Townsend Jenn Bowlby Colton Barrett
Strategic Planning	Chris Joly (Chair) Pat King

Other positions that contribute to the day-to-day operations of Local 005:

Position	Name	Group Name
Webmaster	vacant	
Facebook Group Administrator	Shawna Lund	AUPE Local 005 - Natural Resources and Conservation Services
Whats App Group Administrator	Aaron Townsend	AUPE Our Union AB Wildfire
Convention Organizer	Brooke Martens	

¹ Jeff is also the Local 005 bargaining unit representative on the Government Services Negotiating Team

UNION STEWARDS

Union Stewards are AUPE members who are prepared to assist you if you feel you have been the victim of harassment, unfair discipline or if your employer has been ignoring provisions of your collective agreement to deny you benefits to which you are entitled. Local 005 has four Union Stewards but you can have any Union Steward, even from a different Local, assist you.

Steward	Chapter
Chris Joly ²	2
Robert Livingston	6
Bryon Poll	12
Brad McKenzie	15

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES OFFICERS

Membership Services Officers (MSOs) are your union representatives that can help you negotiate your specific issues. Different MSOs are assigned to individual chapters and work sites. **To find your MSO, contact the Member Resource Centre at 1-800-232-7284.**

MORE INFORMATION

To get involved and learn more about Local 005 or your Union in general, check out the following:

Local 005 (Local landing page at AUPE):

<https://www.aupe.org/locals/005>

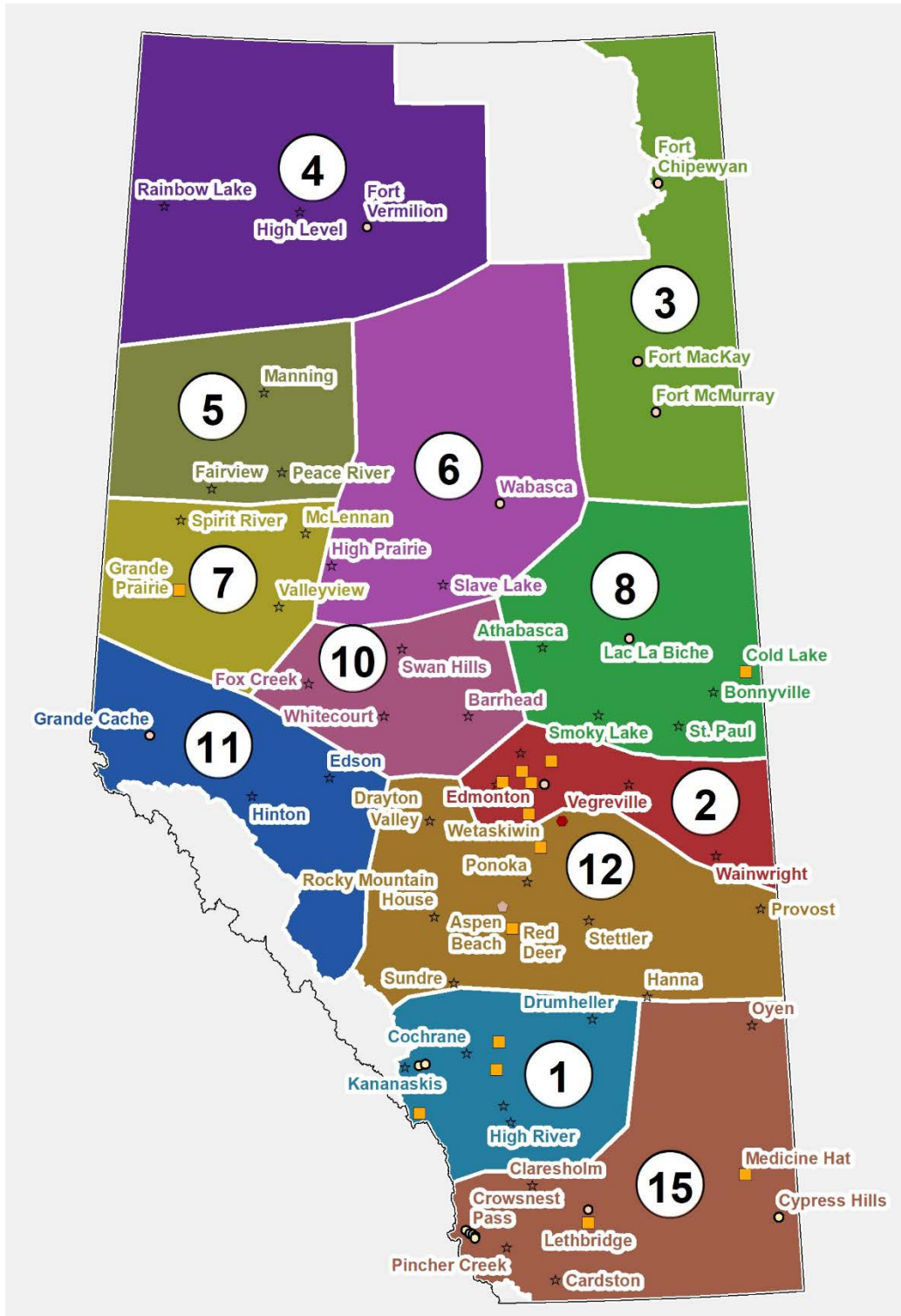
AUPE (main):

<https://www.aupe.org/>

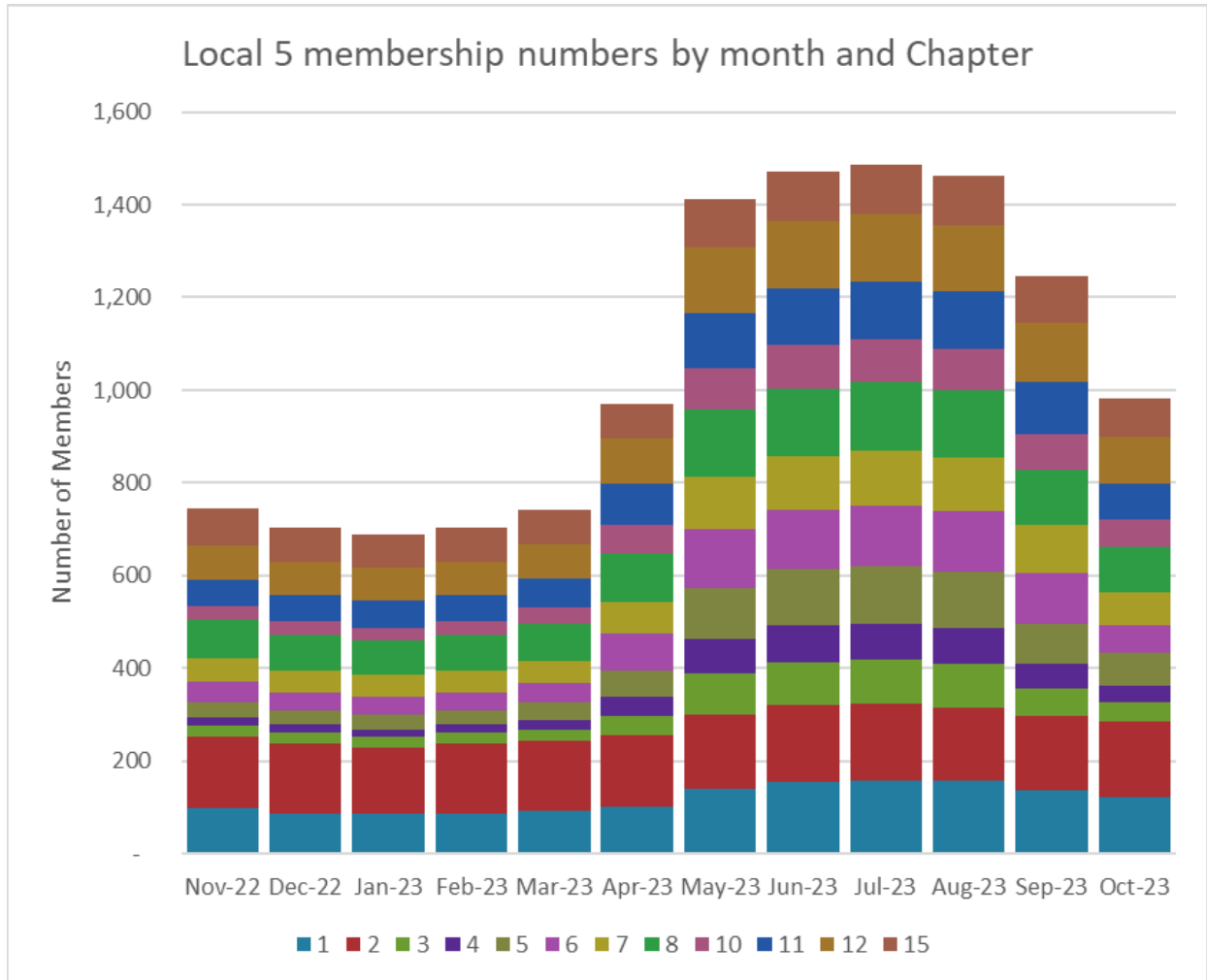
² Chris is also the Chief Steward for Local 005.

CHAPTERS

Our Local is divided into 12 geographical units called Chapters to ensure each region's requirements are represented by the Local as a whole.



Local 5 membership fluctuates over the year with the hiring of a lot of seasonal workers during the summer months. Local 005 currently has an average of 1,051 members.



Each Local 005 Chapter has elected a Chapter Executive Board to represent their Chapter members.

Chapter 1 – Calgary		Chapter 2 – Edmonton	
Chair	Nathan Brown	Chair	Brooke Martens
Vice-Chair	Brendan Busato	Vice-Chair	Chris Joly
Secretary	Kai Lauridsen	Secretary	Robin Gutsell
Treasurer	Kai Lauridsen	Treasurer	Ken Stadt
Council Reps	Kai Lauridsen	Council Reps	Brooke Martens
	David Downes		Chris Joly

Chapter 3 - Ft McMurray		Chapter 4 - High Level	
Chair	Jarret Whitbread	Chair	Neil McNalty
Vice-Chair	Scott Johnson	Vice-Chair	Melissa Bulldog
Secretary	Kent Jennings	Secretary	Stephanie Niemiec
Treasurer	Alan Gammon	Treasurer	Stephanie Niemiec
Council Rep	Quinn Archibald	Council Rep	Neil McNalty
Chapter 5 - Peace River		Chapter 6 - Slave Lake	
Chair	Tom Patreau	Chair	Craig McCormick
Vice-Chair	Mike Lutz	Vice-Chair	Jason Pankratow
Secretary	Laticia McDonald	Secretary	Crystal Ionson
Treasurer	Laticia McDonald	Treasurer	Crystal Ionson
Council Rep	Brett Buerger	Council Rep	Crystal Ionson
Chapter 7 - Grande Prairie		Chapter 8 - Lac La Biche	
Chair	Jason Handfield	Chair	<i>vacant</i>
Vice-Chair	Gavin Hojka	Vice-Chair	Mat Rosychuk
Secretary	Mike Kingsbury	Secretary	Jenn Bowlby
Treasurer	Mike Kingsbury	Treasurer	Jenn Bowlby
Council Rep	Jason Handfield	Council Reps	Dean Walker Jenn Bowlby
Chapter 10 - Whitecourt		Chapter 11 - Edson	
Chair	Colton Barrett	Chair	Tanya Sawicki
Vice-Chair	Lucas Ullyot	Vice-Chair	Michael Shantz
Secretary	Allison Brown	Secretary	Melissa Lamadeleine
Treasurer	Eryn Snoddon	Treasurer	Melissa Lamadeleine
Council Rep	Colton Barrett	Council Rep	Jeff Bleach
Chapter 12 - Rocky Mountain House/Red Deer		Chapter 15 – Blairmore	
Chair	Aaron Townsend	Chair	Mike Taje
Vice-Chair	Wayne Werstiuk	Vice-Chair	Shawn Kessel
Secretary	Andrew Butler	Secretary	Denis Hache
Treasurer	Andrew Butler	Treasurer	Denis Hache
Council Reps	Wayne Werstiuk Andrew Butler	Council Rep	Patrick King

Each chapter typically hosts events and meetings throughout the year to support and engage the membership. Contact Chris (chairlocal005@aupe.ca) for information about how to connect with your Chapter.