

OPSEU/SEFPO Local 561 Local Stewards & Committees, 2026-2027

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Local 561

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Central H&S Committee
 Janice Hagan (Co-Chair)
 Adrian Klymenko (SY)
 Jake Branch (PT)
 Rene Bissonnette (KG)
 Fabio Pricinato Costa (NH)


Seneca@York H&S Committee
 Bruce Griffin (Co-Chair)
 Benjamin Tang

Peterborough H&S Committee
 Jake Branch (Co-Chair)

King H&S Committee
 Sajid Patel (Co-Chair)
 Rene Bissonnette

Local Standing Committees	Chair/Contact
Anti-Racism Action Committee e: AntiRacism@opseu561.org  Join on WhatsApp	Angela Heath
Psychological Safety Committee e: PsychH&S@opseu561.org  Join on WhatsApp	Moji Follegati
Event Planning Committee e: RSVP@opseu561.org  Join on WhatsApp	Jerin Raj

Local Standing Committees	Chair/Contact
Communications Committee e: Media@opseu561.org  Send email to join community.	Ahmedali Chakera
Job Evaluations Committee e: PDFs@opseu561.org  Join on WhatsApp	Michael Veis
Accommodation & Return to Work Com E: AccomRtW@opseu561.org  Join on WhatsApp	Xiaoyan Wang

NEW: Local 561 Bargaining & Strike Process Review Steering Committee
 e: shift@opseu561.org Contact: Michael Veis
 [Join on WhatsApp](#)

Committees are open to ALL Union Members. Meetings at Noon on Zoom.
 Contact the Committee Email to join or click the link to join on WhatsApp.

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Contact the Steward or Officer of Your Choice for:

- ✓ Questions about your Collective Agreement, Seneca policies or legal rights as a worker
- ✓ Advice about any Issues or Concerns in your Workplace, or personal issues impacting your work
- ✓ Representation at meetings with your Supervisor and HR about Performance or Behaviour
- ✓ Combatting Harassment, Discrimination or Bullying
- ✓ Support for Disability or Family Care Accommodations, Longer Sick Leaves and Returning to Work
- ✓ Job Security Questions and Concerns
- ✓ Job Evaluation Reviews
- ✓ Union Events, Campaigns, Training and Participation

Representation Tailored for You

Contact your own area steward, or a steward or officer of your choice.

All calls are confidential except where there is an immediate threat to health or safety.

All employees are entitled to fair representation, guilty or innocent. We are not there to judge you.

We will answer your questions, provide advice on your available options, and support you with the option you feel works best for you right now.

OPSEU/SEFPO Local 561 – Emails, Links and Websites

Local 561 Website: <https://opseu561.org/>

Access to Collective Agreements, Events, Local Information.

OPSEU/SEFPO's Member Portal: <https://members.opseu.org>

Create a profile to register for OPSEU/SEFPO events and educationals, direct deposit for expenses and strike pay, and for information on union policy, procedures and our Constitution.



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61580889279684>



Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/opseu561/>



561NEWS Channel (Official Announcements from Local 561 Executive)

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DJ8NZpGF18y6Jx5TtuNgHq>

561PTDiscussion (Part-Time Support Staff Questions, Open Discussion)

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/L1OfjgUV0AD7TGJzYZISg>

561FTDiscussion (Full-Time Support Staff Questions, Open Discussion)

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/CaWBVbTvl0l46NwPXMtwpS>

Local 561 Emails



General Inquiries: inquiry@opseu561.org

To Change your Name, Address or Phone Number; Submit a Membership Card, or to let us know if you will be on a longer leave (sick, maternity/parental, etc.), please email: cards@opseu561.org

For union expenses, receipts, email: treasurer@opseu561.org

Join the Union as a Member in Good Standing

All Support Staff at Seneca are in one of our two OPSEU/SEFPO Bargaining Units, full-time or part-time. All bargaining unit employees pay dues and are entitled to fair representation by the Union. However, to be a member in good standing, you must voluntarily join the Union by signing a Union Card. Membership allows you to vote at meetings, run for positions in our Local, help set bargaining demands and receive strike pay if the Union votes to strike or is locked out by the employer.

	<p>Sign a Union Card to Register/Join OPSEU as a Member in Good Standing. (Full Voting/Participation Rights)</p> <p>← Part-Time Registration Link Full-Time Registration Link →</p>	
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