

# BUILDING SERVICE WORKER NEWSLETTER

June 2021

## Welcome to the first BU | Physical Plant Newsletter

Oksana Bihdan, Lead Hand BSW Physical Plant, Brandon University

We are pleased to bring you this communication in lieu of our in person monthly meetings. As you are aware, recent Provincial Health Orders have postponed these meetings. We value our workers safety and communication with them.

### Health & Safety



#### REMINDER

*Masks (please wear it properly covering your mouth and nose)*  
*Social distancing*  
*Wash your hands*  
*Sanitize common areas*  
*Mental sanity checks, be kind to each other*

Updates to the Safety Data Sheet Binders will start early week of May 14, 2021. SDS binders have been collected around Campus, updated and will be returned to buildings by the end of the day, May, 20<sup>th</sup>.

Let's stay safe. If anyone requires PPE (Personal Protective Equipment), please reach out to Oksana Bihdan [bihdano@brandonu.ca](mailto:bihdano@brandonu.ca)

### Staffing

It is with heavy hearts we announce the departure of Denise Merrill, Health & Safety Office & Travis Poersch, Chief Engineer Physical Plant. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors. Postings for both these positions will be available soon.

We are excited to announce the return of Tania Leafloor from maternity leave. She will be resuming financial responsibilities for Physical Plant as well as System Administrator for the new CMMS (Computerized Maintenance Management System) FAMIS360. Please direct any questions regarding uniform allowance to Tania at [leafloor@brandonu.ca](mailto:leafloor@brandonu.ca)

Also returning to campus is Brenda Hutlet. After a prolonged leave she is currently on a gradual return to work. We're so pleased to have Brenda back on the team, be sure to give her a warm welcome.

### Vacations & time-off requests

Just a reminder that when emailing to request for vacation,

sick, care-for or banked time please copy the below team members on the email. This will ensure your request is handled in a timely fashion.

Michael McCormick [mccormickm@brandonu.ca](mailto:mccormickm@brandonu.ca)  
Alvin Puhach [puhacha@brandonu.ca](mailto:puhacha@brandonu.ca)  
Stacey Harper [harper@brandonu.ca](mailto:harper@brandonu.ca)  
Oksana Bihdan [bihdan@brandonu.ca](mailto:bihdan@brandonu.ca)

### What's new at Physical Plant



BU is going green. In efforts to meet our sustainability goals we have implemented Green Cleaning. The new fast draw Betco system works hand-in-hand with the new color-coded microfibre to reduce energy and water consumption. To better care for the microfibre cloths, this June the Physical Plant will be installing a new washer and dryer. A switch to liquid laundry detergent and energy efficient equipment reduces the number of cleaning materials purchased thus reducing waste and cost. We thank everyone for their feedback and enthusiasm with the onboarding of this new program.

For more info on Green Cleaning Methodology & best practices click on the link below <https://www.brandonu.ca/physical-plant/building-services/green-cleaning-methodology/>

Energy and water efficient equipment also helps us meet our green targets. A new Karcher Cadet 7 Carpet extractor has been purchased for QE II.

BU Physical Plant webpage gets a refresh. Checkout the updated webpages, from Workplace Health & Safety to how to book a room on campus. The updates offer better functionality and information for all users. If you have any feedback or something you think should be added please reach out to Michael McCormick at [mccormick@brandonu.ca](mailto:mccormick@brandonu.ca) or Oksana Bihdan [bihdano@brandonu.ca](mailto:bihdano@brandonu.ca)

