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Please pass this on to your department lists.

Afternoon

Understand that CUPE [4627] "leadership" is continuing to spread unfounded rumours about the "demise" of ELSA at VCC.

Karen and I have had a series of conversations with Bill [Radford] and Kathy [Kinloch] about the ELSA situation, the latest this morning. As far as the message they directly give to us goes, there's no reason to be pessimistic about the granting of a new ELSA contract. So far, the process has gone as expected, indeed some potential contractors were not successful in the summer in having their bids accepted for consideration. VCC was successful at that stage. Its bid is still very much in the works. It is actually for more total work coming to VCC than in the past.

Announcements are expected either before or after the long weekend.

As has happened numerous times in the last forty years that VCC has been getting direct federal monies for ESL, there's always a level of uncertainty. VCC's bid may be completely successful. It may be successful but not for the additional growth factor. It may be successful but at a level below what we have in 2013/14. It may be unsuccessful. That is the nature of the bidding process.

However, there's certainly no certainty that the CUPE-sourced rumours would have one believe. Please advise those spreading the rumours that they should check their own sources and ask those sources what their motives for spreading mis-information are. There's no excuse for it and it should stop.

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