# CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 500

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Central Council August 28, 2017



TO: All Central Council Delegates

#### RE: PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### **Greetings:**

The following is my monthly report of the activities and issues facing the Local since our last Central Council meeting:

#### **CUPE LOCAL 500/CITY OF WINNIPEG COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT**

CUPE Local 500 and the City of Winnipeg are currently reviewing the changes to the new collective agreement and salary schedules. Once the agreement is finalized, the Local will post it to the website and commence printing of the new agreement booklets.

Please watch for further updates as more information becomes available.

#### **WORKPLACE VISITS**

The Local has been and will continue to visit CUPE 500 workplaces. At these meetings, we talk about the key priorities and issues facing the Local and listen to the issues our members feel are important to them.

Workplace meetings can take place before or after work, or during the lunch break.

If you would like to arrange this type of meeting, please contact the Local 500 office at 942-1001.

#### **HEALTH CARE RALLIES**

CUPE and other unions continue to hold health care rallies in order to keep the pressure on and raise awareness against the cuts to health services in Manitoba.

The Progressive Conservative government and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority are making numerous changes to the health system, which is all part of the WRHA's mandate from the province to cut \$83 million from this year's budget.

Health Care workers in Manitoba are deeply concerned with the Pallister government's massive changes to health services and the impacts these changes will have on patient care.

Please attend any upcoming rallies as we continue our united fight against these outrageous cuts and changes to our health care system.

#### **PSAC STRIKE – WINNIPEG AIRPORT**

About 150 members of UCTE Local 50600 (Union of Canadian Transportation Employees, a component of PSAC) who work at the Winnipeg Airport, have been on strike since July 24. Contracting out of the employees' work has been the number one priority for these workers since negotiations first began in October of 2016.

On August 15, the Local sent a letter of support and solidarity to the members applauding their actions and efforts to reach a fair a settlement.

In addition to expressing our solidarity, the Local's executive officers and staff have committed to respecting the picket line and will not be using the Winnipeg airport until the strike is resolved.

We will keep the membership updated on the strike as more information becomes available.

#### LABOUR DAY MARCH AND PICNIC

Once again, the Winnipeg Labour Council is continuing the long tradition behind Labour Day with a March and picnic on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>.

CUPE Local 500 is proud to be supporting and participating in this event along with the labour movement and workers. We invite our members and their families to come out to this free celebration.

## Labour Day March:

When: Monday, September 4th

Time: 12:30 pm

Where: Meet at Memorial Park and March to Vimy Ridge Park

Labour Day Picnic:

When: Monday, September 4th

Time: 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Where: Vimy Ridge Park (821 Preston Avenue)

There will be FREE hot dogs, music, games and entertainment! Come out and enjoy a family fun Labour Day!

### **CONCLUSION:**

Please share this current issues document with your co-workers.

In solidarity,

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