

June 14, 2007

TO: ALL CUPE LOCAL 500 MEMBERS**EPC Approves New Governance for Assiniboine Park**

On June 13, the City's Executive Policy Committee approved a new governance structure for Assiniboine Park. The new governance structure will include the creation of an independent not-for-profit board to manage the Park including the fundraising, restoration and redevelopment of the overall Park and its amenities.

CUPE Local 500 has objected to this move and proposed a more viable option for the City. "We believe that the City should adopt a governance model that assures the Park remains a public service and asset," said Local 500 President Gary Swanson. "Our model involves City operations working with a new Winnipeg Parks Board. This structure would provide the most efficient operational support, funding potential, volunteer and community input."

The Governance issue will be on the agenda at the next meeting of City Council to be held on June 20 at 9:30 a.m.

The union will be making a presentation and encourages as many members as possible to be present in the gallery during the meeting.

Please watch for future bulletins or go to the Local 500 website at www.cupe500.mb.ca

Reminder: Proposals for City Negotiations Needed By June 29

THE COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT between the City of Winnipeg and CUPE Local 500 expires December 30, 2007 and the union is preparing for negotiations.

We are inviting members to send us your suggestions for changes to the agreement. Please include the following information:

- Reasons why you believe the proposals should be negotiated;
- Any information you have that will help us understand the importance of the proposal;
- Your name, department and phone number in case we need to contact you for more information.

The more information you can give us about the change you are requesting, the better it is for the negotiating committee.

You can submit your proposals to the Local 500 office in the following ways:

- ✓ By email: union@cupe500.mb.ca
- ✓ By fax: 956-1439
- ✓ By mail: CUPE Local 500, 702 – 275 Broadway, Winnipeg, Man. R3C 4M6

You can also give your proposals to your unit president, unit executive member or your shop steward.

We need to receive all proposals for changes by **Friday, June 29, 2007**.