

CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 500

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Local 500

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:

IN HOUSE MULTI-FAMILY REFUSE COLLECTION PILOT PROJECT - UPDATE

On June 15, the Union and the City met to discuss the above pilot project that commits to use in house workers to collect waste from a multi-family service area east of the Red River commencing February 1, 2020.

Much of the discussion at the meeting focused on the implementation schedule and formation of joint sub-committees to help carry out the project. The sub-committees formed are: Operations, Fleet and Equipment, Human Resources and Financial. The sub-committees will be meeting regularly or as required, over the next year in order to meet the implementation dates.

The Local will update the membership as more information becomes available.

CCPA RELEASES ALTERNATIVE MUNICIPAL BUDGET, WINNIPEG 2018

The Manitoba Office of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA), launched its Alternative Municipal Budget Winnipeg 2018 on June 19 at City Hall.

With 2018 being an election year, the Alternative Municipal Budget is meant to stimulate discussion around how the previous administration's years of tax freezes have lead us to a crisis situation. In short, we have a historical revenue problem that has contributed to an ever-increasing infrastructure deficit.

This alternative budget provides a road map towards increasing our city's revenues and focuses expenditures on the types of services that residents of Winnipeg have come to expect and rightly deserve. I would like to commend the authors of this document for their unwavering commitment to these principles.

You can read a copy of the Alternative Municipal Budget on the Local's website.

PRIDE 2018

Once again this year, Local 500 members and staff participated at the pride parade that took place on Sunday, June 3rd.

CUPE has a long and proud history of advocating for LGBTTTQI rights and fighting against discrimination and hate in our workplaces and in our communities. We work every day to ensure our LGBTTTQI members can work in a discrimination and harassment-free environment.

Other pride parades have or are taking place in Brandon, Portage la Prairie, Flin Flon and Steinbach. Parades/walks have also been announced for Thompson and Dauphin with more details to follow.

Thank you to all who take part and support these important events.

JUNE 21ST NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

June 21 marked National Indigenous Peoples Day (formerly known as Aboriginal Day) in celebration of the unique heritage, diverse cultures, and outstanding achievements and contributions to Canada of First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples.

A number of Local 500 members participated in and helped organize some of the events that took place throughout our city. I would like to thank them for helping to commemorate this day and for helping to raise awareness about CUPE's work on Indigenous issues.

POLITICAL ACTION

The Local continues to gear up for the upcoming municipal and school board elections. As we all know, the people we elect to lead our City can greatly affect us as workers.

We are now in the process of planning our next "It Only Takes 2" Political Action meeting. These meetings are an important venue to engage our members in the political process. The last two meetings have been well attended and featured some great speakers.

I would encourage everyone to bring two people out for two hours.

Please watch for further announcements on upcoming meeting dates.

HEALTH CARE REPRESENTATION VOTES

As reported at the last Central Council meeting, the provincial government has enacted Bill 29 – The Health Sector Bargaining Unit Review Act that will force health care members to vote for their union in the coming months.

We also told you that this process will be overseen by a Commissioner. While the government has now appointed Bob Prudent as the Commissioner, unfortunately, the government has not yet provided details about when or how these votes will happen.

In the meantime, we all need to keep working together for public health care! CUPE health care members in Manitoba are continuing to campaign to “Stop the Health Care Cuts” through advertisements, rallies, public events and distribution of signs to our community.

Please support this campaign by taking a “Stop the Health Care Cuts” Sign or by attending upcoming campaign events.

GOOD OF THE UNION

It is with deep regret that I announce the passing of Brother Brent Kodak of the Public Works Unit on June 6, 2018. Brent was a shop steward who previously served on the executive of the Public Works Unit. On behalf of the Local, I offer my sincere condolences to his family, friends and co-workers.

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

In solidarity,



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