

CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
LOCAL 500

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Central Council
July 27, 2009

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Local 500

TO: All Central Council Delegates

RE: PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Greetings:

Listed below please find a review of some of the key issues our Local has dealt with since our last Central Council meeting.

1. "Positively Public" Campaign – Update

On July 15, Local 500 along with about thirty (30) delegations, made presentations to the City's Executive Policy Committee regarding the proposed new water and sewer utility. Despite an overwhelming message to hold off on the proposal until further study and consultation, EPC voted unanimously to proceed with a proposed corporate utility model for our Water and Waste Department.

The Local also appeared and presented on the proposed utility at the meeting of Winnipeg City Council on July 22.

During the meeting of Council, a motion was moved by Councilor John Orlikow, seconded by Councilor Jenny Gerbasi, that the matter be referred back to city administration for a revised non-profit model and business plan to be presented in September, 2009. This motion was subsequently defeated. Here's how the Councillor's voted:

In favour of the motion to refer back to the City: John Orlikow, Dan Vandal, Lillian Thomas, Jenny Gerbasi, Harvey Smith and Russ Wyatt.

Voting against the motion and subsequently in favour of a new corporate utility model were: Jeff Browaty, Bill Clement, Scott Fielding, Harry Lazarenko, Grant Nordmen, Mike O' Shaughnessy, Mike Pagtakhan, Gord Steves, Justin Swandel, and Mayor Sam Katz.

In light of the above, the City will still need to get approval from the Provincial government to create a water utility. Only the Province has the authority to alter the Charter.

The best interests of our members remains a priority for our Local. We will continue to monitor this issue and provide updates as information becomes available.

2. Library Support Staff Working with City Officials

Before the City takes action to change the way Library Support Staff conducts business, City officials will be working with a committee from the Local made up of members who provide this service. The committee will keep the Local informed of all progress.

Libraries play a vital role in our city and the citizens of Winnipeg truly value them.

3. Municipal Golf Courses

Information about our Municipal Golf Courses is now being distributed to the public. Our golf courses are publicly owned and operated for the enjoyment of everyone in our city. These courses provide an affordable option for young people, families, seniors and guests to our city.

Municipal Golf Courses are important to the citizens of Winnipeg; don't let anyone eliminate the services we deserve.

4. New Local 500 Web Site!

The Local recently launched a new website. The site offers some new features and will be instrumental in providing updates and information about our Positively Public Campaign. Please encourage your co-workers to visit the site and more importantly to sign-up for email updates.

5. Good of the Union

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and is getting a chance to enjoy the many recreation services our city has to offer. It is our members who work hard day in and day out putting our communities first. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members and staff for their hard and dedicated work.

Conclusion:

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

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M Davidson". The "M" is large and stylized, and "Davidson" is written in a cursive script.

Mike Davidson
President

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