

**CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES  
LOCAL 500**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Central Council  
April 23, 3012**

**CUPE** / *Canadian Union  
of Public Employees*  
**Local 500**

TO: All Central Council Delegates

**RE: *PRESIDENT'S REPORT***

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Greetings:

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

**1. Water Park in the City of Winnipeg**

City Council is considering the idea of partnering with a private developer to build a \$75 million indoor water park and hotel complex on City-owned land near the Forks. In 2008, the city put out an expression of interest and set aside \$7 million of taxpayer's money to assist in building the water park

Council will vote on the proposal on Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. If approved, the plan includes the purchase of the city-owned land by the developer for \$6 million.

**2. Annual Spring Cleanup**

The annual spring cleanup is underway on our city's major streets and boulevards and in our parks. This year, hundreds of pieces of equipment will be used to complete the cleanup operations.

The Cemeteries Branch will commence its spring cleanup at its three locations starting in early May.

The Local has been airing radio ads around the issue of the safety of our members during spring cleanup operations.

**3. Community Services Unit Planning Session**

The Community Services Unit held a strategic planning and education session earlier this month here at the Union Centre.

I would encourage all units to consider scheduling a planning session, if they haven't already done so.

**4. Local 500 Introduction to Stewarding Training**

On April 20 & 21, the Local held an Introduction to Stewarding Course at the Cindy Klassen Recreation Centre. A total of 17 members from all five units and one member from the St. Boniface Museum participated in the session. The Local held a number of steward orientation sessions leading up to the introduction course.

I would like to thank all of the members who attended these training sessions. Shop Stewards are the backbone of our Union.

**5. Plaque in Honour of Past Local 500 President, Ed Blackman**

The Local has placed a plaque in honour of former President, Ed Blackman, outside the CUPE boardroom on the seventh floor of the Union Centre.

Brother Blackman served as president for the Local from 1976 to 1993. He was also General Vice President on CUPE's National Executive Board and a well known and respected trade unionist on a provincial and national level.

Ed was a true leader and touched the lives of many people he worked with throughout the years.

**6. 2012 Civic Bonspiel**

The Civic Curling Bonspiel was held the second week of April at the Fort Rouge Curling Club.

The Local has been a proud sponsor of the second event trophy since 1978.

Congratulations go out to Drew Williams, Julie Garwood, Andy Ferrar and Brent Kellett who won the second event.

## 7. Retirements and Special Events

At this time of year, there are a number of retirements and/or special events taking place that involve our members. If you know of any events, please let the Local 500 office know. Too often, we have no way of knowing these events are being planned until after the event has already taken place.

### ***Conclusion:***

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

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Davidson". The first letter of "Mike" is a large, stylized "M", and the first letter of "Davidson" is a large, stylized "D".

Mike Davidson

MD/ng, cope 342

cc: J. Lepine