

**CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
LOCAL 500**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Central Council
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CUPE / *Canadian Union
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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:

1. City-owned Golf Courses

On July 6, the City's alternate service delivery (ASD) committee voted in favour of using an alternative service delivery model known as "modified managed competition" process to determine the future operations of Kildonan, Windsor, Crescent Drive and Harbourview golf courses. The three Councillors that voted in favour were: Paula Havixbeck, Scott Fielding and Grant Nordman.

In the Local's presentation to the ASD Committee, we made it clear that while the Local is willing to work with City and politicians to find creative ways to provide public services, Unions do not bid on the work that their members do.

City Council also adopted the process in a 10-6 vote on July 18.

The Local represents members who work at all four golf courses. We will continue to update the membership as more information becomes available.

2. P3 For A New Police Station

On June 27th, City Council voted in favour of a plan to use a public-private partnership (P3) to finance the construction of a new south district police station. Council approved a plan for Winnipeg to budget \$18 million and awarded Shelter Canadian Properties the contract to build the police station at 2321 Grant Avenue.

Councillors voting against the P3 project were: Ross Eadie, Jenny Gerbasi and Brian Mayes.

Councillors voting in favour of the P3 project were: Mayor Sam Katz, Councillors Jeff Browaty, Scott Fielding, Paula Havixbeck, John Orlikow, Mike Pagtakhan, Devi Sharma, Harvey Smith, Thomas Steen, Justin Swandel, Dan Vandal, Russ Wyatt and Grant Nordman.

3. **Convention Centre Expansion**

The Winnipeg Convention Centre is set for a \$180 million expansion. For many years, a calling has gone out to replace or add to the existing building.

Several key details of the expansion still need to be revealed such as who will construct it and which hotel will be added. The new building is expected to double the size of the existing Convention Centre.

The new building will add more events for the City of Winnipeg which is positive for the City's economy.

4. **Bike Bike Event**

Local 500 member and their families raised over \$2,000 at this year's Heart and Stroke Big Bike event. The ride took place on Friday, June 22nd at the Provincial Legislative grounds. All riders on the team wore CUPE t-shirts to highlight our Union and our Local.

This is but one example of the many community events our members help out in. Many thanks go out to sister Margaret Feliksiak and the Sports and Social Committee for their work in making this a fun and successful event.

5. **City of Winnipeg Collective Agreement**

The printing of the new collective agreement is now complete and the Local will be mailing out a copy to all Local 500 members this week.

6. **Summer Heat**

The summer has turned out to be a very hot one with many days reaching well over 30 degrees. I would like to thank all the members who work daily in these very hot conditions, providing very important city services.

Conclusion:

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

In solidarity,

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