

**CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
LOCAL 500**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Central Council
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CUPE / *Canadian Union
of Public Employees*
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:

CITY SUSPENDS PLAN TO IMPLEMENT MANDATORY 3.5 DAYS OF UNPAID LEAVE

On the eve of Local 500's plan to refer the policy grievance regarding the above to expedited arbitration, Winnipeg City Council, voted in favour of a motion to suspend the planned 3.5 days of unpaid leave scheduled for December from the 2014 operating budget.

We are pleased that we will no longer have to pursue legal avenues to challenge the unpaid leave. This is good news for both the citizens of Winnipeg and the city staff who provide the services they rely on 24/7.

The motion was put forward by Councillor Wyatt and seconded by Councillor Mayes. Voting against the motion were Councillor Fielding and Councillor Swandel.

The Local would like to thank our members for your continued patience and support regarding this issue.

CUPE LOCAL 500 EXECUTIVE POLICY CONFERENCE

On June 4 and 5, Local 500 held a Leadership and Executive Policy Conference at the RBC Winnipeg Convention Centre. The purpose of the conference was to discuss and prepare the Local for the current and future challenges we will be facing over the next few years.

The conference covered topics such as grievance handling, current legal issues, bargaining, and political action.

Speakers included Minister Kevin Chief, National President Paul Moist, CEO of the RBC Winnipeg Convention Centre, Klaus Lahr, CUPE Manitoba President Kelly Moist, and MFL President Kevin Rebeck.

WESTERN MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

Our Local was represented at this year's Western Municipal Conference held in the city of Saskatoon. Not only did delegates get to hear from guest speakers, but a number of topics were covered regarding the municipal sector, as well.

Locals provided reports and bargaining trends are discussed along with any relevant legislation. All four western provinces attend this event.

2014 FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES (FCM) IN NIAGRA FALLS

The FCM is the national voice of the municipal order of government and represents most of the population of Canada.

It is perhaps the most influential advocacy group that represents the interests of municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction. Focus should be on improving our communities through achieving better policies, fair funding and support for infrastructure, transportation, housing, dealing with climate change, and much more.

WINNIPEG LABOUR DAY PICNIC

This September organized labour including CUPE, will be taking part in a Labour Day event. This event has been a rebirth of organized labour, led by CUPE to celebrate Labour Day in our community and reach out to our members to remind them of the true value of unions.

This year's celebration will include a picnic and possibly a parade. The Local will remind its members to come out and celebrate and help out if they can. Labour Day is celebrated by unions and the public across our country. Please keep this event in mind during our summer break.

CUPE LOCAL 500 POSITIVELY PUBLIC BIG BIKE TEAM

Once again the CUPE 500 Positively Public team pedaled their way through our community in support of heart disease and stroke research. The event took place on Wednesday, June 18 at Shaw Park.

The Big Bike is an important fundraising event for the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Manitoba. Teams participate by registering to ride the Big Bike which has 29 seats and one driver.

Ten Manitobans die each day from heart disease and stroke. It is the number one cause of death in Manitoba and across Canada.

Thank you to the CUPE 500 Positively Public team and Margaret Feliksiak, Chair of the Local's Social and Sports Committee for her organizing efforts.

WORKPLACE MEETINGS

The Local has attended a number of orientations, pin ceremonies, retirements and work place meetings. These are all important events that connect us together as a Local.

Congratulations to all our retirees and pin recipients.

Conclusion:

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

In solidarity,



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