

**CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES  
LOCAL 500**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Central Council  
May 25, 2015**

***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:

**CITY OF WINNIPEG BARGAINING UPDATE:**

**Tentative Agreement Reached**

On May 11, CUPE Local 500 and the City of Winnipeg continued negotiations through the conciliation process. This process is where a conciliation officer acts as a "middle person" to help resolve outstanding issues between the two parties.

As a result, we were able to reach a tentative settlement with the City of Winnipeg. We believe the City's offer is fair and reasonable, and meets the top priorities of our members.

At this time, Local 500 will not make any further comment regarding the details of the tentative agreement until members have had an opportunity to review and vote on it. All Local 500 members working at the City of Winnipeg are eligible to attend an information meeting to held on June 1 and vote on the tentative agreement on June 2. Members should have already received a card in the mail detailing the meeting and voting information. If you did not receive a card, it may mean that the Local does not have your correct mailing address and you should contact the office to update your contact information.

**LOCAL500 SNOW PLOWING CAMPAIGN/REVIEW OF CITY'S SNOW CLEARING SERVICES REPORT - UPDATE**

As you may recall, on February 10, the City's Public Works Committee approved a motion to review the city's snow clearing services and to report back at the June City Council meeting. On February 23, the Local launched a snow plowing campaign to gather information about the public's concerns regarding their snow clearing experiences. This information has now been compiled and will be

shared with the City to help inform their report. Currently 80% of snow clearing is contracted out to private contractors. We know our workforce has a proven track record of providing a great service, while keeping operating costs in check.

Of course, certain business interests would have the public believe that contracting out is cheaper, but the evidence is clear, it costs more and delivers less. That's why more and more municipalities are bringing that and other work back in-house.

### **NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING - APRIL 28, 2015**



On April 28, CUPE members along with other organizations and labour groups, remembered workers who were killed, injured or who suffered illness due to their job. Ceremonies marking the National Day of Mourning for 2015 were held in various locations throughout our city and province.

The Day of Mourning was founded based on a resolution written by CUPE's National Health and Safety Committee in 1984 and is now observed by more than 100 countries around the world.

Since 1978, fourteen Local 500 members died due to a workplace accident or illness.

Thank you to those members who took the time to attend the various ceremonies held that day.

## **PROVINCIAL HEALTH CARE COUNCIL (PHCC)**

Congratulations go out to Local 500 Members Eileen Perillo and Jenna Vandurme on being elected to serve on the PHCC. The Council is made up of many CUPE Health Care Locals from our city and throughout the province. Eileen is from the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority and Jenna is from Riverview Health Care Centre.

## **A HUGE VITORY IN ALBERTA FOR THE NDP**

On May 5, Rachel Notley and the NDP team made a historic breakthrough on being elected to a majority government in the Alberta Election.

This victory is a tribute to the now Premier Notley, and her principled, clear message that it was time for change in Alberta. It's a tribute to the people of Alberta who took back the government from the PC's, breaking a 44-year hold on power in the province. And it's a tribute to thousands of NDP volunteers, including many CUPE activists and staff.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

Many special events have taken place this month and this spring. These include member orientations, 25 year pin recognition ceremonies, retirements, just to name a few.

To all the members who will be retiring this spring, I want to pass along our Best Wishes for a long and Healthy Retirement. To the many members receiving recognition on 25 years of service.....congratulations!

## **GOOD OF THE UNION**

1<sup>st</sup> CALL – CUPE National Convention.

### ***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

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cc: L. McLeod