

**CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
LOCAL 500**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Central Council
August 24, 2015**

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:

FEDERAL ELECTION

On October 19th, Canadians will decide who will represent us as our Federal Government. It's important that all of our members and their families take the time to vote.

You need to ask yourself - is the current federal government representing you and your family?

Some of the issues we all need to think about include: a job strategy for all Canadians that will provide a fair living wage; a retirement security plan that works for everyone; affordable and accessible quality child care and improvements to our public health care. It's also important to support a government that believes in the importance of protecting public services and public assets.

CUPE supports the NDP

At the 2013 CUPE National Convention, delegates from all sectors and regions gave CUPE the mandate to do everything it could to elect an NDP government. Canadians want change and believe that the NDP is the only party that is actually ready for change.

MGEU PUBLIC RALLY

Thursday, August 6, I attended, along with other labour leaders, a public rally organized by the MGEU Community Support Bargaining Committee and the Winnipeg Home Care Local 113 Executive. The rally was held at the WRHA office to draw attention to the issues raised at the bargaining table.

Many trained home care workers are leaving the field because of unresolved scheduling issues which has them often staying on the job for more hours than they are paid for. It's not uncommon for them to work a 9.5 hour day and get paid for 8 hours!

Meanwhile, minimum guidelines for completing tasks have drastically reduced the amount of time workers are given to care for their clients. This puts the health and well being of our most vulnerable Manitobans' at risk.

Local 500 also has members that work in this field.

CUPW SAVE CANADA POST RALLY

On August 7, I attended the CUPW Save Canada Post Rally to oppose cuts to door to door mail service. A rotating group of postal workers and the CUPW National President have been travelling across the country to educate/gain public support and mobilize postal workers to oppose the Conservative-supported cuts to Canada's public postal service.

Last year the postal service made millions in profits and Canada will be the only G-7 country not to provide door to door delivery service. As Canadians we must defend this important and valuable service.

CANADIAN CAPITAL CITIES CONFERENCE:

I attended the 2015 Canadian Capital Cities Organization Annual Conference that took place here in Winnipeg, August 18-21.

Founded in 1995, the Canadian Capital Cities Organization (CCCO) serves as a network among the 14 provincial, territorial and federal capital cities.

The annual conference provides an opportunity to exchange experience, share information and best practices to help promote the capital cities to all Canadians.

FALL LEISURE GUIDE

The City's Fall Leisure Guide was recently made available to the public. This publication highlights the many recreation and leisure opportunities that contribute to the overall well being of our community.

For the past number of years, the Local has continued to profile the work of our members through advertisements in the Leisure Guide. Our members do a great job delivering many programs and services to the public.

GOOD OF THE UNION

Thanks and recognition goes out to the many members who keep our city services running 24/7. Our municipal services include golf courses, pools, water and wastewater services, libraries, parks, and traffic signals, just to name a few.

GREAT JOB! Thank you.

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