

**CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES
LOCAL 500**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

**Central Council
March 21, 2016**

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 OF WINNIPEG 2016 OPERATING BUDGET

The City of Winnipeg's 2016 Operating and Capital Budgets were unanimously passed at the City's Executive Policy Committee on March 15. The next step is for approval by City Council on March 22.

The Local has made presentations at the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, and at Executive Policy Committee. Local 500 remains particularly concerned by the \$20.9 million allocation for city wide vacancy management in the proposed budget. The city's workforce simply cannot continue to absorb these levels of cutbacks, while still maintaining service levels to the public. CUPE Local 500 and WAPSO have been calling for an immediate end to vacancy management to ensure adequate staffing levels in city services.

The budget also calls for \$11.1 million in "savings" including \$2.7 million in innovation savings, but does not provide any details of what or where those savings will be achieved. This is but one way of hiding the fact that there will be more reductions, but officials have not decided yet where these cuts will be.

Local 500 will keep you updated as the budget process continues to City Council.

MAYOR'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

On February 25, 2016, the Mayor gave his annual State of the City Address held at the RBC Winnipeg Convention Centre. During his speech, the Mayor made

several announcements and commitments that included reference to the 2016 operating budget as being a “disciplined” budget. He also talked about continued need for more residential development downtown, and an “unprecedented investment in road renewal”.

It’s important that the Local attends these events and listens to what the Mayor highlights as his priorities.

LOCAL 500 ADVERTISEMENTS

The Local continues to advertise on radio, TV, and in various publications. Our ads speak to having a city budget that works for citizens of Winnipeg and promotes the services our members provide on a daily basis.

The Local will continue to use ads to reach out to Winnipeggers to educate them on the importance of public services.

PRESIDENT’S ANNUAL YEARLY REPORT

Copies of the President’s Annual Report are available at tonight’s Central Council Meeting.

The President’s Annual Report is a review of the Local’s activities and events of the previous year. It also serves as a plan to help us prepare for the many challenges the Local will face in the upcoming year.

Please feel free to take copies to your workplace and to your unit meetings.

WORKPLACE MEETINGS

The Local continues to attend workplace meetings with our members. These meetings are held before shift, during lunch breaks or after work. If any of our members would like a workplace visit, you should first seek permission from your supervisor and then contact our office to arrange for a scheduled meeting. The Local will also bring any necessary materials and appropriate staff to the meeting.

If you would like a work place meeting please call our office at 204-942-1001.

CONCLUSION:

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

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gord Delbridge". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

GORD DELBRIDGE
President

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cc: L. McLeod