

# **CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 500**

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**Central Council**

**July 25, 2016**

***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 GARBAGE COLLECTION SERVICES**

I had an opportunity this month to meet with CUPE officials from Local 503 in Ottawa, and the National Office, in regards to the benefits of bringing this service back in-house in our city.

Councillor Brian Mayes also flew out to Ottawa to meet with city officials to discuss their garbage and recycling services as compared to our city.

As you know, our Local has been advocating for some time now to bring this service back into public operation.

As more information becomes available, the Local will update Central Council delegates on this matter.

**NEW LIBRARY IN WINDSOR PARK**

The once Parks and Recreation yard on Archibald Street in Windsor Park will be home to a new library very soon. This is the first standalone library built since 1997. The Local is currently running ads promoting library services.

The mayor said "Libraries represent a key part of building complete communities."

The new facility will be 8,000 square feet and will include an enlarged multi-use room. Our members do a great job providing library services throughout our city.

## **PAN AM POOL**

Pan Am Pool will be closed for facility upgrades starting July 18 until late September. In preparation for next year's Canada Summer Games, the pool's 50 year-old bulkhead is being replaced with a dual bulkhead system.

The summer games organization is contributing \$550,000 towards the upgrades. The pool is a key structure in our city and Local 500 members do a great job providing recreational services and maintenance of the pool.

## **STEINBACH HOLDS FIRST EVER PRIDE MARCH**

Thousands marched in solidarity of Steinbach's first ever Pride parade and celebration. While organizers originally expected roughly 200 participants, it is estimated that between 3,000 and 5,000 came out to march, cheer, and support the Steinbach LGBTTI community. Because of the high number of participants, the march was delayed due to traffic being backed up for several kms and organizers wanted to allow everyone to get the community. The speeches were also delayed as RCMP wanted to make sure everyone had completed the march.

The event received national attention when Provencher MP Ted Falk announced he would not be attending because of his personal beliefs. Both Steinbach MLA Kelvin Goertzen and Mayor Chris Goertzen did not attend due to previous personal commitments.

Myself, and many current and retired Local 500 members attended this groundbreaking event.

## **CITY SUMMER SERVICES**

This summer, many of our members will be working around the clock providing valuable services that keep our city up and running. Many services such as recreation, libraries, golf courses and other leisure services, help to provide a better quality of life.

I want to thank and recognize all our members for your hard work and dedication to the citizens of Winnipeg.

**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 fluid and cursive, with the first name "Gord" being more prominent.

GORD DELBRIDGE  
President

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cc: L. McLeod