# CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES LOCAL 500

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Central Council September 22, 2025



#### **BARGAINING UPDATE - CITY OF WINNIPEG**

The Local 500 Bargaining Committee met with the employer on September 9, 11, and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Discussions on collective agreement language are productive and respectful.

We meet with the employer again on October 21, 22, and 28th.

Dates are also being set to continue working on the Essential Services Agreement (ESA). As required by the new legislation, an ESA must be negotiated before any job action can be taken.

Thank you for your continued support and solidarity.

### **LABOUR DAY**

The Winnipeg Labour Council hosted the Labour Day Family Fun Day on September 1st at Memorial Park.

It was a fantastic turnout, with activists and supporters coming together to celebrate workers; both those on the job today and those who came before us, whose struggles and sacrifices built the safe and fair workplaces we have now.

I was also lucky enough to be chosen for the dunk tank, which made the day even more memorable!

#### **UNITED WAY PLANE PULL CAMPAIGN**

The weather couldn't have been better on September 12th for United Way's 60th Plane Pull campaign.

With more than 1,500 people in attendance, 80 teams took on the challenge of pulling two giant planes across the tarmac. I was proud to join fellow unions and activists as part of Team Solidarity—and we were thrilled to land in 5th place!

The United Way is a large nonprofit organization that raises funds and supports community programs focused on improving people's lives.

### **CITY OF WINNIPEG CAO**

On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, we met with the new CAO for the City of Winnipeg, Joseph Dunford.

It is important to establish a relationship so we can have ongoing, open dialogue as issues arise for our members' interests.

#### **CITY HALL GRIEVANCE**

The issue of workplace safety and security for CUPE members in Winnipeg's downtown core was once again at the forefront. Ensuring that our members can perform their jobs in safe and secure environments remains a top priority for CUPE 500.

We continue to raise these concerns with the City and other stakeholders, pushing for real solutions that protect workers and the public. Our members provide vital frontline services every day, and they deserve to do so without fear of their safety.

# **GOOD OF THE UNION:**

## Dates to remember:

September 30- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (office closed)

# **CONCLUSION:**

Please share this document with your co-workers.

In solidarity,

Gord Delbridge, President

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