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REPORT TO PRAIRIE REGION COUNCIL
December 2 – 4, 2021**

I want to start by saying that I hope everyone is staying safe and taking all necessary steps to protect both your physical and mental health. If anyone is struggling, and wants some resources, please don't hesitate to reach out to myself.

Since my last report, I have attended three Edmonton Area Council meetings, a zoom meetings or Prairie Region All Committee/PRC/Staff, a zoom meeting for GEO Reps/Area Council chairs. These provide a great opportunity to share ideas and work towards building engagement amongst members. I've attended a meeting with the bylaw committee, and two with the health and safety committee.

Working with Edmonton Area Council (EAC) over zoom we prepared resolutions to send to the PSAC National convention. I also worked with EAC in a call out campaign prior to the Federal Election in the targeted riding of Edmonton Greisbach. Over a two day period, calls were made to PSAC members encouraging them to vote, providing information on key topics and resources. The riding was won by NDP Blake Desjarlais. Congratulations to Blake and I'm sure he will serve the community well and be a strong voice to help people recover from the pandemic. The EAC is currently working on a donation drive for Operation Friendship Senior Society, where we will be collecting needed clothing, toiletries and essential items from PSAC members. There will also be a hot chocolate drop off date December 11. I look forward to reporting back on this event.

On November 15, it was announced that Alberta will have a provincial-federal child care agreement. This agreement will bring affordable childcare to so many families starting in early 2022. I'd like to take a moment to thank everyone who work hard to campaign, lobby, sign petitions, call your MLA and share posts on social media. Your efforts didn't go unnoticed and it's because of these tireless efforts that gains are made. It's a wonderful example of how solidarity in action can make a change.

In closing, I'd like to send happy holiday greetings to all and hope you take some time to make memories with your loved ones. And as always, please reach out to me if you have any questions regarding my report or would like some assistance. I will endeavour to assist you to the best of my abilities.

In Solidarity,
Stasi L'Hirondelle