

PRAIRIE REGION HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT

TO THE PRAIRIE REGION COUNCIL

February 9 – 11, 2022 via Zoom

This report covers the committee's activities since last PRC meeting on December 2, 2021

The Regional Health & Safety Committee met virtually on January 18th, 2022. There were two more new component representatives who joined the Committee since the last report: **Lissette Serrano**, representing the Union of Veterans' Affairs Employees (UVAE) **Jean-Philippe (J.P.) Gravel**, representing the Union of Canadian Transportation Employees (UCTE)

The committee re-visited the selection of the Co-Chair representing component/DCL and the selection of the Secretary/Treasurer. The consensus of the group was to put Michelle Lang's (DCL 40005) name forward as component/DCL Co-Chair, as well as Karine Drobko's (CEIU Component) as Secretary/Treasurer. This is a decision to be approved by the REVP (Regional Executive Vice President) Marianne Hladun.

The committee also discussed the feedback which was received from participants during the November 30th Townhall. Here is some highlights of participants feedback; what they wanted to discuss, expand their knowledge on, seek training for or participate with the committee's action planning:

Pandemic issues – The public service workers vaccine attestation – Vaccination and employees rights – PSAC directives and stance on mandatory vaccination – Mental Health during pandemic training –shorter virtual courses vs longer in person courses (ie. Virtual training not to exceed a couple of hours)

Clint Wirth is going to work on designing webinars' type training so please keep watching for that coming March 2022.

The Committee will be meeting again (virtually) on Tuesday April 5th, 2022 at 7 PM (CST / MB time)

And last, we thank the Prairie Region Council for all their support and encouragement.

Respectfully Submitted

Gus Mardli, on behalf of

Your Prairie Region Health & Safety Committee:

Clint Wirth, Committee Advisor (PSAC Prairies Health & Safety Officer)

Michelle Lang (Co-Chair, Component/DCL) **Gus Mardli** (Co-Chair, PRC)

Karine Drobko (Secretary/Treasurer, CEIU) **Martin Kaminski** (UNE)

Stasi L'Hirondelle (PRC) **Tim Hubick** (PRC)

Valda Behrens (USJE) **Brea Baresinkoff** (CIU)

Faye Kingyens (UHEW) **Randy Olynyk** (AGR)

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