

**REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT, PRAIRIES
TO THE PRAIRIE REGION COUNCIL**

SEPTEMBER 15 – 17, 2022, Regina, SK

This report covers the period from the last PRC meeting in February.

Sisters, Brothers and Friends,

As the summer festivities end in the prairies and we brace for the impending prairie cold snap, our offices have been busy preparing for the ramping up of Treasury Board bargaining and the need to have increased engagement in the push for a fair contract. Members are looking forward to more in person events and the opportunity to reconnect. The prairies spirit is strong, and we are at the ready for any and all action that is required to ensure the best contracts for all our members.

REVP Activities

PSAC Virtual National Triennial Convention

The PSAC Virtual National Triennial Convention was held from May 26 – 31, the theme of the convention, ‘Organizing for Change’, served as a reminder of the road ahead as we exit the pandemic. The virtual platform posed some challenges for delegates overall and prairie delegates were satisfied with the convention, however, a number expressed frustrations with the lack of resolutions addressed. We look forward to working together united for the betterment of our members. During the Prairies caucus, delegates discussed resolutions passed at the Prairie Region Convention and other resolutions as raised by caucus members.

Prairies Banner Campaign

As per the discussion and direction at the last PRC meeting, my office reached out and secured the services of Point Blank. Throughout the reporting period we conducted a survey of the members, one-on-one interviews with stakeholders, reviewed campaign concepts and discussed direction of the campaign.

Indigenous Women’s Healing Centre Visit

On August 3, 2022, we visited the Indigenous Women’s Healing Centre formerly known as Native Women’s Transition Centre Inc. (NWTTC). The PSAC Social Justice Fund donated funds to the centre which has worked to support and strengthen Aboriginal women and mothers on their journey of healing and recovery from family violence, addictions, intergenerational issues, and institutionalization. We were guided through the facility by the operations manager and heard the positive impact the centre has in the community and the need for additional support.

Regular Communications with Regional Committees, PRC and National Officers

In keeping with Regulation 4 of the Prairie Bylaws, I held meetings as follows:

- May 12/22 with PRC, Official Call Meeting
- July 28/22 with PRC, Official Call Meeting

Regional Highlights

Prairies Regional Young Workers Conference

The Prairies Regional Young Workers Conference was held June 18 and 19 in Edmonton, AB. The theme of the conference was, 'Resilience'. Approximately 40 young workers from across the prairies joined to discuss the issues that Young Workers may face in the workplace, activism for PSAC Young Workers, and current topics pertinent to Young Workers. The conference was comprised of speakers, activities, workshops, and opportunities for networking.

Labour in the Academy: Fostering Solidarity, Mobilization & Advocacy

We invited academic workers to this conference to build connections, learn and grow in the labour movement. The conference was held on June 18 and 19 in Edmonton, AB along with the Young Workers conference. The joint conferences allowed for shared panels and a richer experience for attendees. Highlights of the conference including presentations on the impact of Bill 17, Labour Statutes Amendment Act, and presentations related to action and campaign building.

Attendees at both the Young Workers Conference and the Academic Conference participated in a joint action at the Provincial Minister of Labour and Immigration's office where participants wrote messages against Bill 17 and left them on the Ministers constituency office.

Virtual Prairies Mobilization Summits

Over the reporting period, we hosted virtual mobilization summits across the prairies. Manitoba Mobilization Summit was held May 17, Saskatchewan Mobilization Summit was held May 18 and finally, Alberta Mobilization Summit was held May 19. Cumulatively, there were approximately 85 attendees across all provinces. The summits provided attendees with up-to-date bargaining updates, what comes next and skill building to ensure a united and productive push for a fair contract.

Education Re-launch

The region has recently re-launched our education programming featuring a combination of virtual and in-person course offerings. As part of the re-launch, course catalogues were launched for all regional offices including a pan-prairies virtual catalogue.

COVID-19 Membership Impact

Casino Regina

All public health orders in Saskatchewan have been withdrawn and the Casino has returned to full operations.

Airports

With all public health orders lifted across the prairie's airports are running at pre-Covid levels. We continue to support UCTE locals as they face unique challenges related to the aviation industry.

Universities

All public health orders have been lifted across our academic sectors in the prairies.

Organising

Alberta Academic Sector Organizing

With the change to legislation in Alberta, academic workers continue to operate under service agreements. We are in the process of developing next steps to address the ramifications of Bill 17 and the inability for academic workers to exercise their freedom of association. With the royal assent of Bill 17, the Labour Statutes Amendment Act, the only way to ensure academics workers can freely exercise their rights would be through a change in legislation via a government change in the upcoming Alberta provincial election, PSAC constitutional amendments or through the courts. As we consider our options, we continue to provide services to our signed academic partners.

Solidarity & Political Action

Keep the RCMP in Alberta

We continue to support the USJE campaign, Keep the RCMP in Alberta, which has a website and petition currently operating. To date, we have shared and promoted the campaign along our social media channels, e-newsletter, website and in discussions with allies.

Negotiations

National Bargaining Units

As the AEC Officer assigned to PA and Common Issues, I continue to attend caucus and bargaining for both units when available.

Royal Canadian Mint –Proposals completed and securing dates for negotiations.

Regional Bargaining Units

SRG – Notice to bargain issued April 2021.

Edmonton Airport Firefighters & Captains – Tentative agreement reached and ratified.

Edmonton Airport GBU – Notice to bargain issued November 2021. Awaiting dates.

CAHRD – Tentative agreement reached and ratified on June 6th.

Protec Calgary – Negotiations ongoing for a first collective agreement with this newly organized unit. Request for conciliator filed in August 2022.

Winnipeg Airport – Notice to bargain issued April 2022. Proposals being prepared.

University of Saskatchewan Postdocs – Proposals prepared and setting dates.

Freshwater Fish Marketing Board – Negotiations continue.

Casino Regina – Notice to bargain issued October 2021. Proposals finalized and negotiations to begin in October.

Royal Canadian Mint (Protective Services) - Preparing proposals and securing dates.

Bouygues Energies and Services Canada Limited – Notice to bargain issued January 2022. Preparing proposals and securing dates.

ATCO – Due to ATCO's contract not being renewed, negotiations are ongoing with SERCO CBO for voluntary recognition of the ATCO collective agreement.

Lastly, you will find enclosed the details of the REVP's activities from May – August 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Hladun". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "H".

Marianne Hladun
Regional Executive Vice-President, Prairies

REVP Activities

	MAY 2022	
9	Special NBoD Meeting	Zoom
9	Financial Audit Meeting	Zoom
9	Academic and YW Conference Meeting	Microsoft Teams
9	CEIU Local 40808 General Meeting	Zoom
10	AEC Meeting	Zoom
10	SJF Steering Committee	Microsoft Teams
10	United Way and PSAC Partnership Meeting	Zoom
11	ATCO Discussion	Microsoft Teams
11	Young Worker Representative Meeting	Microsoft Teams
11	PRC Finance Committee Meeting	Zoom
12	Alberta Legislation and Servicing Discussion	Microsoft Teams
12	Labour Community Awards	In Person
12	ATCO Update Meeting	Microsoft Teams
12	PRC Official Call Meeting	Zoom
16	AEC Update	Zoom
16	TB NSCC	Zoom
17	Manitoba Virtual Mobilization Summit	Zoom
17	Strikes won during the Pandemic Panel	Zoom
17	Bill 17 – Next Steps Meeting	Zoom
18	Saskatchewan Virtual Mobilization Summit	Zoom
18	Friends Of Medicare's 2022 AGM	Zoom
19	Alberta Virtual Mobilization Summit	Zoom
20	AEC Pension Related Items Meeting	Zoom
20	Prairie Region Council New Rep Check-in	Zoom

20	Constitution Committee Discussion	Zoom
25	NBoD Meeting	Zoom
25	Convention Committee Rehearsal Meeting	In Studio
25	Convention Prairie Regional Caucus Meeting	Zoom
25	Convention Women's Caucus Meeting	Zoom
25	Convention Area Council Caucus Meeting	Zoom
26-31	PSAC Virtual National Triennial Convention	In person
26	CCPA MB Meeting	Zoom
	June 2022	
1-3	PSAC Virtual National Triennial Convention	In person
3	NBoD Convention Adjournment Meeting	Zoom
6	Organizing Drive NCR/Prairie Meeting	Microsoft Teams
8	Churchill Tank Farm Meeting	Microsoft Teams
8	Monthly Negotiation/Program Branch Meeting	Microsoft Teams
9	Post-Secondary Education in Alberta Meeting	Microsoft Teams
10	Pro-Tec Strategy Committee Meeting	Microsoft Teams
10	Monthly Negotiation and Program Branch Meeting	Microsoft Teams
13	AEC Meeting	Zoom
13	National Indigenous History Month Presentation	Zoom
14-17	NBoD Meeting	In Person
16	Prairies – CRA Townhall	Zoom
18-19	Young Worker Conference and Academic Conference	In Person
22	Banner Campaign Plan Meeting	Zoom
23	Standing Education Committee Meeting	Zoom
27	Prairies Conferences Calendar Meeting	In Person
28	Banner Campaign Plan Presentation Meeting	Zoom
28	CCPA MB Check in Meeting	Zoom

28	Brandon University Visit	In Person
30	Convention Meeting	In Person
30	Education Discussion	In Person
30	Encore Global Meeting, IT Presentation	Zoom
	July 2022	
6	Representation Meeting	Microsoft Teams
6	Monthly Negotiation and Program Branch Meeting	Microsoft Teams
8	BC Area Council/Regional Committee Summit	Zoom
12	UCTE Conference prep	Microsoft Teams
13	United Way Winnipeg Meet and Greet	In Person
15	AFL Debrief	Zoom
17	Guided Native Plant Identification Walk at Little Mountain Park	In Person
18	AEC Meeting	Zoom
18	Deconstructing Education in the Prairies Meeting	Zoom
20	Women's Conference Discussion	Microsoft Teams
22-23	UCTE Leadership Conference	In Person
25	Monthly Negotiation and Program Branch Meeting	In Person
25	Anti-Oppression Preparation Session for Prairies Meeting	In Person
27	AEC Meeting	Zoom
27	Site Map Presentation	Microsoft Teams
27	Follow Up Discussion Negotiations/Bargaining Team Members	Microsoft Teams
28	Banner Campaign Concepts Presentation Meeting	Microsoft Teams
28	SEC Meeting	Microsoft Teams
28	PRC Official Call Meeting	Zoom
	AUGUST 2022	

3	Banner Campaign Concepts Review Meeting	Zoom
3	Indigenous Women's Healing Centre Visit	In Person
4	Banner Campaign Meeting	Zoom
5	NBoD Meeting	Zoom
8	PRC Finance Committee Meeting	Zoom
10	U of A Post Docs Meeting	Zoom
11	UTE 50031 Executive Meeting	In Person
11	Banner Campaign Concept Refinement Meeting	Zoom
11	Resolution Training Discussion	Microsoft Teams
14	Guided Indigenous Walk Broken Head Wetland Interpretative Trail	In Person
15	Campaign Check-in Meeting	Zoom
16	Investigation Training Meeting	Microsoft Teams
17	AEC Meeting	Zoom
18	National Video Shoot – University of Saskatchewan	In Person
18	SFL Workers Rally – Saskatoon	In Person
19	Video Shoot –Casino Regina	In Person
19	Prairies Regional Women's Conference Planning Meeting	Microsoft Teams
20	Video Shoot –Regina	In Person
22	AEC Meeting	Zoom
23	Banner Campaign Meeting Final Concept and Visual Identity Presentation Meeting	Zoom
23	Separate Employer/DCL Conference Planning Meeting	Microsoft Teams
25	Alberta Organizing & Legal Challenge meeting	In Person
25	Convention Constitution follow-up Meeting	In Person
25	AEC Dinner	In Person
26-29	AEC Retreat	In Person

30-31	NBoD Special Meeting	In Person
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