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REPORT TO THE PRAIRIE REGION COUNCIL

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Calgary and Lethbridge Area Councils in Southern Alberta have been busy over the reporting period.

The Lethbridge Area Council undertook an exceptionally meaningful initiative. The planted and nurtured 110 tomato plants which were donated in July to the Interfaith Food Bank's Young Chefs program and other clients. This initiative has not only provided fresh ingredients for budding young chefs but has also fostered a deeper connection to sustainable food practices within our community.

The Lethbridge Area Council participated in their local Pride Parade on June 22nd with a great turnout of PSAC members and families to support the event.

Lethbridge is looking forward to their annual Labour Day event in September.

The Calgary Area Council was able to support the Phoenix Rally at the Harry Hays Building on February 28th. The rally was organized by the regional Phoenix working group. Over one hundred members attend the rally over their lunch break. Alternate REVP Krysty Thomas spoke at the event providing relevant facts and engaging and motivating the crowd regarding the shameful lack of action from the Treasury Board on this issue. The rally kicked off a banner tour for the region where members were able to sign a banner in support of PSAC's continued fight against Phoenix; the banner was presented on the floor of the PSAC National Triennial Convention in May. In line with this rally Calgary and Lethbridge were included in Area Councils across the region making donations to food banks in recognition of the support of our members who experienced food insecurity as a result of pay issues.

Calgary had planned a member engagement event for June, however the difficult decision was made to cancel the event due to the water restrictions imposed in the city this summer. A future event will be considered in exchange.

In August, I was able to visit Lethbridge. I was happy to visit the Area Council community garden and visit with Agriculture members and Area Council executives while there.

Krysty Thomas and Adam Daly were the Area Council delegates chosen to attend the PSAC National Triennial Convention. Both members represented their committees and the region well. They were engaged in debate and business both on and off the convention floor. Convention was successful in addressing a significant number of resolutions thanks to the contributions of all delegates in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

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