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Casino Regina:

Union of Saskgaming Employees finally had a full executive however, with some members getting acting positions in management it now will leave us one position short. President, Senior Vice President and Chief Shop Steward is all up for elections in October.

Bargaining will be starting up right away as they are going to be starting to gather bargaining demands and elect a bargaining committee in November. Our agreement expires in December of this year. They don't want to bargain in the past anymore as we have waited sometimes in the years to start seriously bargaining and it is getting a little tiring. Not all the blame is to go to PSAC, most of it is the Government failing to give a mandate.

The Corporation is bringing back the attendance support program as absenteeism is at a record high as they have failed to address issues since covid. It will be interesting to see as we just took this language out of our agreement.

University of Lethbridge Postdoctoral and Research Associates:

Postdoctoral and Research Associates ratified an agreement. This will be a historic first collective agreement for ULPA, which was legislated as a bargaining unit by the Government of Alberta in 2017. Negotiations started in 2023 after the ULPA entered into a service agreement with PSAC.

University of Saskatchewan Postdoctoral and Research Associates:

Postdoctoral and Research Associates agreement expires in October, 2024 and it is expected that negotiations are not going to go well.

University of Saskatchewan Grad Students:

Grad Students have been without a contract since August 31, 2023. Talking with the PSAC staff looking over this group comes out that this has been rough negotiations and hope they can settle on an agreement soon.

Brandon University's Collective Agreement expires this year as well. Negotiations should be taking place coming up.

University of Winnipeg ELPs ratified an agreement in October of 2023 with over 16% wage increases over the life of the agreement, huge win!!

I am very well aware that PSAC represents majority of federal service workers. If you open up the websites, whether it be the National part or any of the regions websites (Home Pages) what do you see?

I logged on through my phone to the National website and I see the following: Join the national virtual town hall on telework, PSAC members denied 699 leave, FB Bargaining: Collective agreement signed, Desousa: it's not about one day it's about the next ten years, Emancipation Day, Shocking internal report exposes rampant discrimination at the head of Canada's public service.

Prairies: WTF Campaign, Updates: Fall Education, FB Bargaining: Collective Agreement Signed, Government ratifies collective agreement for 9000 PSAC members working at CBSA, and Events

BC: Remote Work, Virtual Town Hall on Telework, CN/CPKC Lockout, Events

Quebec: Virtual Town Hall on telework, Telework: REVP addresses the President of the Treasury Board, PSAC Quebec supports railway workers, Now Hiring Regional Representative Montreal, Gender Tax, another Telework call out,

NCR: Remote Work, Safe consumption Sites, Education, Events

Atlantic: Denied 699, FB Bargaining agreement signed, Emancipation Day, Events

Ontario: Virtual Town hall on telework, 699 Leave, Emancipation Day, Events

Nothing on any of these homepages mention anything about any Direct Chartered Local. I am 99% positive that there are issues that could be addressed on the websites or featured. I am in no way saying that the issues addressed currently on the websites are any less important than any Direct Chartered Local Issue. But it has been a hot minute since I have seen anything geared towards a DCL or about a DCL.

So as a solution I am suggesting that PSAC on its sites nationally and regionally showcase a DCL or bring up issues that affect DCLs and the provinces we live in that directly affect provincial workers.

I do humbly apologize if this happens and I just look at the wrong times.

In Solidarity,

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