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REPORT TO PRAIRIE REGION COUNCIL

JANUARY 31, 2025 - FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Another year has come and gone, and what a year it was. Changes with remote work, continuing issues regarding the Canada Life transition as well as Phoenix. Sometimes it feels like groundhog day over and over, but we can't give up on these issues and need to continue putting pressure on the government until ALL the issues have been fixed.

In November our friends at CUPW went on strike. The strike lasted from November 15 to December 17, when they were shamefully ordered back to work. This was just after the Prime Minister said the "best gains are made at the bargaining table." During the strike, I took my PSAC flag and joined the members in Edmonton on the strike line on a few different occasions, and I delivered hot chocolate and muffins to the evening crew one night. The contract with CUPW was extended until May, and in the event negotiations fail, I will once again be ready to walk the line with my fellow brothers, sisters and comrades. Solidarity is needed if we want to see gains for the working class.

Now is the time to start preparing for an upcoming Federal Election. We need to work together to highlight the issues that are important to public servants and encourage all members to think of the issues that impact our working lives, and most importantly to get out and vote. With this in mind, Edmonton Area Council is sending a member to the CLC Political Action Conference in February, and I'm looking forward to working on getting the important issues out to the Members. I will continue to engage in the GEO Reps/Political Action Committee. With the federal election looming, we need to be prepared for when the writ drops. There has been some good discussions and ideas brought forward and I hope we're able to engage more members to join us.

Area Council completed what was needed to become a committee in good standing again. On behalf of PSAC, there were wreaths laid at the Remembrance Day Ceremonies in Edmonton and Cold Lake. We have had a few meetings to discuss planning an engagement night and update on the PRC meetings and the National Area Council call.

Meetings/Events

Sept 24: PRC GEO Reps, AC Chairs Townhall

Sept 30: Attended event for National Truth and Reconciliation in St.

Albert Oct 7: PRC call

Oct 24: Area Council meeting
Nov 6: Regional Office Open
house Nov 7: RTO Working
Group call Nov 14: PRC
conference call
Nov 21: All Committee
Townhall Nov 21: RTO
Working Group call
Nov 27: PR Health & Safety
Townhall
Nov 30: PSAC National AC Chair conference
call Dec 4: RTO Working Group call
Dec 6: Attended Women's Committee Vigil for The National Day of Remembrance
and Action on Violence Against Women
Jan 9: Area Council meeting
Jan 16: PRC GEO Res, AC Chairs Townhall

I attended the event hosted by Prairie Region titled “Navigating the Workplace: Challenges and Triumphs of the Trans Community” This event is recorded and available on the Prairie Region website and I encourage members to take a bit of time and hear what is talked about. Trans rights are human rights, and to ensure we not only protect the gains made, but also strive for better, we need to get out and VOTE. It’s our members of parliament that can make new laws, and it’s our responsibility to push them to do so. Know the platforms, know the stance of the people running in your riding, and vote.

I’m looking forward to what I hope is the first annual member engagement game night being held Jan 31 and will report back on the event in my next report. It’s an opportunity to meet the PRC GEO & Equity Reps, the committee members in Edmonton and for us to find out how we can engage members in areas that matter to them. I will continue to engage in the GEO Reps/Political Action Committee. With the federal election looming, we need to be prepared for when the writ drops. There has been some good discussions and ideas brought forward and I hope we’re able to engage more members to join us.

If anyone has any questions regarding my report, or how they can become involved in Area Council, please don’t hesitate to reach out.

In Solidarity,
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