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REPORT TO THE PRAIRIE REGION COUNCIL

26 – 27 FEBRUARY 2026

The annual Brandon Labour Day BBQ hosted by the Brandon & District Labour Council on September 1, 2025 and 2nd annual Neepawa's Got Pride event on September 14, 2025 were both well attended. Westman Area Council was happy to once again be able to sponsor and have representation at both events and received positive feedback from members for their presence and support in those communities.

A number of regular attending members of the Westman Area Council attended the annual Brandon & District Labour Council Education Day on October 3, 2025. This event is offered annually, although it was my first time attending. There was consensus among the group that it is a valuable event that once again offered impressive speakers and thought-provoking discussion around union activism, effective workplace health and safety committees and mental health in the workplace.

The 30th Annual United Way Holiday Tree Auction event, which the Westman Area Council supports every year, was a great success again. This event is vital to United Way programming in communities across west/central Manitoba and this year's event broke its fundraising record and brought in over \$36,000!

It was great to see sincere enthusiasm and discussion at the January 2026 Area Council meeting where many resolutions were debated and voted to submit to the 2026 Prairies Triennial Convention.

In Solidarity,

Alicia Zurba