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At the Bargaining Table

Next steps after October Fair Deal Tour: head to the Legislature...

Last month, the Civil Service Bargaining Committee embarked on a week-long Fair Deal Tour, rallying at government workplaces and MLA offices across the province to keep the pressure on government for a fair deal.

But the Civil Service is not the only bargaining unit still struggling after many months to get a deal at the table.

That's why we're continuing our "Still Without a Contract" efforts by gathering fourteen Bargaining Committees who remain in negotiations, including a couple that have already received strong strike mandates.

Participating Locals/Components include:

- The Addictions Foundation of MB - Component 16
- All Nations Coordinated Response - Local 365
- Career Connections - Local 142
- Civil Service - Components 1 to 8
- Community Economic Development Fund - Local 154

- Falcon Lake Golf Course - Local 356
- Macdonald Youth Services APHP - Local 369
- MB Housing Authority - Locals 127 to 132
- MB Agricultural Services Corp - Locals 359 to 362
- Southeast Child & Family Services - Local 395
- Technical Professional/Emergency Medical Services/Diagnostic Service of MB Central Table - Locals 364, 388 to 390, 392, 393, 408 to 411, 415 to 420
- WRHA Community Programs - Local 220
- WRHA Health Sciences Centre Security - Local 249

On December 1, over 80 elected MGEU bargaining reps will gather in the Legislative gallery during question period, all wearing red t-shirts that say "Still Without a Contract."

WRHA Home Care/Home Support to vote on tentative agreement

After rejecting the previous offer, members of WRHA Home Care/Home Support - Local 113 will vote on a new tentative agreement that their Bargaining Committee reached with the employer on November 20, 2015.

If ratified, gains achieved (vision care, sick leave, labour management) will also be

Welcome to the December edition!

Here's what's been happening in our union throughout November.

If you have any questions, please get a hold of me through our Resource Centre (204-982-6438 or 1-866-982-6438) or e-mail me at president@mgeu.ca.

passed on to those Community Support Locals throughout the province who ratified the tentative settlement reached earlier in the fall.

HSC Security prepares for strike

After staging an information picket outside the hospital and delivering an overwhelming strike mandate to their employer, members of *Health Science Centre Security - Local 249* are still fighting for a wage increase to address high staff turn-over. Strike preparations are currently underway.

In Your Workplace

Welcoming U of W Students' Association (UWSA) part-timers to MGEU Local 153

At the end of November, it was my pleasure to visit the U of W and personally welcome our newest MGEU members — the UWSA's part-time staff — to our union. They join their full-time counterparts, who've been members of MGEU Local 153 for years.



Working to keep jobs in Portage la Prairie: Manitoba Development Centre

On November 20, Area 4 Director Bob Wells and I toured the *Manitoba Development Centre* with the mayor of Portage. The visit was part of our ongoing efforts to explore potential opportunities to utilize the facility in new ways that will serve the community and keep jobs in the city.

Meeting with MPI re: new Personal Identification Card (PIC) for Manitobans

MPI Component Director Beth Hazelwood and I recently met with the employer to discuss a proposed new Personal Identification Card for Manitobans. A combination of driver's licence and health registration, PICs have the potential to impact the work of our MPI members and we wanted to begin discussions about its implications early on.

On the Air

Tune in for "Keep Us Together"

In October, we invited 16 members from a variety of workplaces to a one-day workshop on how to effectively share the importance of the work they do with fellow Manitobans.

It's out of their efforts and their stories we've launched our new campaign — **Keep Us Together** — with radio ads and an interactive website.

With an election on the horizon this spring, it's vital we continue to send a clear message: the public services Manitobans rely on should be strengthened, not cut.

Visit www.keepustogether.ca to learn more, including how to add your own message to the campaign!



The Big Picture

Annual United Way Fundraiser is about good hot food, many warm hearts...

Every year, members of MGEU's Executive and Board join members in Portage to serve up steaming plates of spaghetti and raise

vital funds for the Portage Plains United Way. This year, proudly donning our MGEU t-shirts, we created a sea of red servers and raised over \$4,500 for charity groups in the community.

COMING SOON: The MGEU Women's Conference!

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the MGEU and balancing work, family, and union involvement, apply now!

See your elected MGEU rep or call the MGEU Resource Centre for details.



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