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# 5 The President's -MINUTE UPDATE



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## At the Bargaining Table

### CBS STRATEGIZES RE: NEXT STEPS

Since members voted down the employer's offer in October, the **Canadian Blood Services – Local 200** Bargaining Committee has been working to get back to the table. The key sticking point remains the employer's refusal to discuss wages until the Bill 29 representation votes are complete. The Committee met this month to discuss strategy for resolving this unfair and unnecessary delay. Negotiations are scheduled to resume Feb. 5, 2019.

### POST-SECONDARY CARRIES ON INTO 2019

The **Assiniboine Community College/ Red River College Central Table - Locals 71 and 73** Bargaining Committee is scheduled to resume talks with the employer with the aid of a conciliator on February 11, 2019. Faculty and staff

rejected a final offer earlier in the fall, citing employment security and instructor workload as outstanding issues.

Meanwhile, the **Université de Saint Boniface** Bargaining Committee moved on to talks at the Common Benefits Table for Locals 147, 148, 149 this month, and bargaining dates for **University College of the North - Locals 69 and 70** are being scheduled into the new year.

### RATIFICATION REVIEW

Members of **Teranet - Locals 397 and 399**, who administer all land titles within Manitoba, ratified a four-year agreement that included increases to wages and the health spending account, while members of **Impark - Local 199** ratified a five-year contract that includes increases to wages and midnight shift premiums. Customer Service reps will also be rolled into the agreement, meaning they'll enjoy many of the same protections as Lot Attendants.

## Welcome to the December edition!

Here's what's been happening in and around our union in the last month.

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](mailto:president@mgeu.ca).

## In the Public Eye

### MGEU WON'T BE BULLIED BY PREMIER'S REMARKS

On Nov. 4, in response to Premier Pallister's accusations that the MGEU spends too much on government "attack" ads, I told the **Wpg Free Press** that our campaigns simply call on him to keep the election commitment he made: to protect public services and the people who deliver them.

### MGAS: DOCS VOICE OPPOSITION TO PRIVATIZATION

In early Nov., I told the **CBC, Global, and Wpg Free Press** that a letter from 16 Lifeflight doctors urging against privatization reinforces what the union has been saying for months now — selling off our emergency air ambulance service is short-sighted and risky.

### MEMBERS MORE AT RISK IN REMAND DUE TO METH

On Nov. 18, I told the **National Post, Wpg Free Press, CBC, and Global** that the union has requested more training for our members at the Remand Centre dealing with increasing violence of methamphetamine users.

### MYC MOVE: INCLUDE MEMBERS IN DISCUSSIONS

On Nov. 22, I told the **Winnipeg Sun** that if the Justice Minister and the City are

discussing expropriating the land the MB Youth Centre is situated, our members should be included in the conversation before any decisions are made.

### CRITICAL NEED FOR BETTER SAFETY AT LGS

On Nov. 27, after a liquor mart security guard was assaulted by thieves, I told the **Wpg Free Press** the incident showed once again how urgently we need to upgrade health and safety protocols at liquor marts.

### LOCAL 911: MORE REQUIRED TO REDUCE RISKS

On Nov. 28, I told **CTV** that our Local 911 paramedics need a more substantial plan in place to deal with violent meth users than the distribution of olanzapine, an oral drug the individual must agree to take.

### SHARE A MESSAGE TO SAVE OUR SERVICES!

Thousands of Manitobans have signed our November petitions, telling the government to reverse the cuts to residential youth programs in Portage and to keep the Churchill Liquor Mart public.



## In Your Workplace



### CELEBRATING COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES!

So proud to help proclaim Nov. 6 *Community Social Service Workers Appreciation Day* (above). Supporting those with special needs or addictions, assisting families living in poverty, reaching out to at-risk youth — every day, 2,000 CSS workers from more than 30 MGEU Locals within the Community-Based Social Services Component make a huge difference in Manitobans' lives.

### DIAGNOSTICS: KEY TO OUR HEALTH CARE!

November was also about celebrating our members who do critical diagnostic work throughout Manitoba. We had a booth (right) at the *Congress of Medical Laboratory Sciences* conference and were proud to recognize Medical Radiation Technologists Week.



## At the Leg

### WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO OUR FORESTS?

On Nov. 15, I delivered 1,500 signatures from Manitobans who don't want to see Pineland Forest Nursery privatized to the Sustainable



Development Minister. This is just one more example of how the government continues to whittle away at our public assets.

## The Big Picture

### CHANCE TO GIVE BACK, TURN THE TOWN RED AT ANNUAL COMMUNITY EVENTS

MGEU members were out and about this month, demonstrating our union's community spirit at a number of events, including the annual Portage United Way Spaghetti Luncheon (top left) and the annual Santa parades in Dauphin (top right) and Winnipeg (bottom).



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