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At the Bargaining Table

Ratification Round-Up

Members of **NCN Family and Community Wellness - Local 358** in Thompson ratified a new five-year agreement on June 21, while the Bargaining Committees for **ALS Canada - Local 166** and the **MB Centennial Centre - Local 251** reached tentative agreements in June. Members of the Locals will have a chance to vote on the agreements in July.

Health Care Locals plan strategy after rejecting tentative agreement

The **Interlake-Eastern Tech Prof/EMS** Bargaining Committee met with members in June to discuss the rejection of their tentative agreement and determine next steps.

The **Diagnostic Services of MB** Bargaining

Committee, whose members also rejected the agreement, has been in contact with the employer and government. Should the Committee not receive an official response soon, they will begin scheduling strike votes.

Macdonald Youth Services Crisis Stabilization votes for strike action

Members of **Macdonald Youth Services - Crisis Stabilization - Local 221** rejected an offer and voted in favour of strike action on June 14, 2016.

After two years at the bargaining table, the Committee was assured by the previous government this past spring that a funding mandate had been approved. Since the new government has been in place, however, no monetary offer has been forthcoming. MGEU leadership is now working to keep the pressure on government to deliver a mandate.

Welcome to the July edition!

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

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

At the Leg

Bill 7 tips playing field against workers

The MGEU participated in a sit-in at the Legislative Gallery to protest Bill 7, which will make unionizing without risk of employer intimidation that much harder.

SIGN THE PETITION! Go to mfl.ca and tell the government that Bill 7 tips the playing field too far in favour of those who have the power to hire and fire employees trying to unionize their workplace!

It's a matter of safety

On behalf of members who work in community mental health, HSC Security and others in our health care and mental health system, I spoke to a Legislative Committee on June 28, cautioning against changes to the Mental Health Act that would allow someone other than a Peace Officer to take a person to a facility for an involuntary medical examination or psychiatric assessment and to stay with the person until the examination or assessment has been completed.

In Your Workplace

Your Union on the Road...to You!

It was my great pleasure to spend much of June travelling to MGEU workplaces throughout the province. Many thanks to all for dropping by to chat and sharing some of the issues you're facing these days on the job.

Honouring Excellence in the Civil Service

As part of Public Service Week celebrations, I was proud to attend the 18th Annual MB Service Excellence Awards, which are sponsored by the MGEU. Nearly 300 people were nominated for their efforts and distinction in workplace performance! Congratulations to all.



Above: The Pas Primary Health Clinic Right: EMS station in Swan River.



Left: Addictions Foundation of MB kitchen in Brandon.

In the News

The construction of a new jail in Dauphin is under review. I spoke with Dauphin's **CKDM** radio, saying that we hope the review is done quickly and comes to the conclusion that the jail needs to be built. Overcrowding across the province is a major issue, and the union continues to have concerns about health and safety.

The Big Picture

Delegates attend National Union Convention

MGEU leadership attended the 40th *National Union of Public and General Employees' Union* Convention for a few days, debating resolutions that focus on major issues affecting Canadian workers such as privatization. With the retirement of long-serving National Union president, James Clancy, we also voted in V-P Larry Brown as new leader.



Speaking about domestic violence in the workplace

On June 11, I was invited to speak at the *Public Service Alliance of Canada's* Convention about how domestic violence at home can impact the workplace, and what workplaces can do to help workers who are struggling to escape the violence.

MGEU proud to sponsor Pride, Aboriginal Day as members share in celebrations

June brought us two significant events the MGEU was proud to sponsor — Pride and Aboriginal Day. Many MGEU members were central in organizing festivities in both Brandon and Winnipeg and many others came out to show their support and help celebrate.

In Appreciation

Every second year, June is the month we show our appreciation to all those who stepped up to become a workplace rep and help their fellow members. They are the heart and soul of our union and it was such pleasure to say a great, big "thank you" right across the province!



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