



Alternate REVP Report – Rapport du VPER Suppléant

May 1st – August 2nd 2019

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(si requise, une version française de ce rapport peut être présentée oralement)

May 1st	Volunteered for flood relief in Dunrobin / Horseshoe Bay after cancellation of planned May Day TB Bargaining Team Support Rally due to emergency flooding.
May 1st	Organized “Resistance Is Beautiful” May Day Event as part of 15andFairness Planning Team for MayWorks Festival. Set up event & hosted “Workers Rights Bingo”.
May 2nd	Attended MDAC as observer. MDAC hosted Webinar Presentation from the Every Canadian Counts campaign for Universal Disability Insurance in Canada.
May 3rd – 4th	Attended Basic Health & Safety Training.
May 7th	Attended Young Workers Committee Meeting.
May 8th	Planning meeting with NCR-DCL Caucus co-chairs and PSAC staff & education officers for DCL Workshop Conference.
May 8th	Attended OAC Meeting.
May 16th	Attended Resolution Committee for consideration & recommendation of resolutions submitted to upcoming PSAC-NCR AGM (June 1 st & 2 nd).

May 26th	Participated in Climate Justice Ottawa's Green New Deal Town Hall meeting & discussion workshop.
May 28th	Participated in Ottawa ACORN Postering Action in Herongate area to demand Timbercreek consult with the community on their plans to build residential buildings in the area and to fight for affordable housing & landlord licensing for residents living in that community.
May 30th	Attended Libby Davis' "Outside In" Book Launch & Discussion Panel.

PSAC NCR AGM June 1st & 2nd

Presented A-REVP quarterly report (January 1st – April 30th 2019) to local & regional delegates (a copy of this report can be produced on request).

Heard regional reports from elected & staff leadership.

Heard presentation by Équité Outaouais seeking support from PSAC-NCR.

As part of Resolutions Committee, presented recommendations for concurrence or non-concurrence on submitted resolutions for vote by the general assembly.

Elections of new regional officers

June 3rd	<p>PSAC-NCR Regional Executive Meeting.</p> <p>Elected PSAC-NCR Alternate Treasurer. In this role I plan to work closely with our PSAC-NCR Treasurer Consoeur Diane Girouard as well as our Finance Committee to provide support however I can & when needed, to learn the in-depth workings of our regional budget & finances, and to temporarily fill the role & responsibilities of treasurer if required.</p>
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June 7th OFL Power of Many Ford Fight Back Day of Action

Attended OPSEU noon walk-out action.

Marched with Punch Up Collective to main rally.

Attended OFL Power of Many Ford Fight Back Rally at 5pm in front of the Ottawa Courthouse.

Spoke at rally as a volunteer organizer for \$15 and Fairness Ottawa about the impacts of the Ford cuts to low-income/minimum wage workers and the need for solidarity across the labour & progressive movement to fight back against the Ford Government's attacks on workers.

June 11th	Attended OAC Festival Sub-Committee Meeting. Committee will reach out to various Ottawa-area festivals to inquire about table space for PSAC for the purpose of public outreach on current campaigns.
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June 12th	Attended PRIDE/FIERTÉ Committee meeting. Discussed plans for August 25 th Capital Pride Parade.
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June 16th	Attended Migrants Rights Network's Unite Against Racism Pic-Nic at Dundonald Park as part of Canada-wide action.
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June 17th	Volunteered for breakfast service at OCH (Operation Come Home) as part of Young Workers community engagement initiative.
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June 17th	Attended Fight for \$15 and Fairness Ottawa organizing meeting. Planned July 6 th outreach event at Britannia Beach.
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June 18th	Presided over DCL 71202 (St. Paul's University Part-Time Professors) Local AGM & Elections.
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June 22nd UTE NCR Shop Stewards' Retreat

Invited to attend UTE NCR Shop Stewards' Retreat as guest speaker. Gave presentation on mobilization and the importance & value of the work of shop stewards. Had the opportunity to connect with UTE members and learn more about the challenges & priorities facing taxation members.

June 27th	Attended GSU Local 70055 AGM. Provided closing remarks on mobilization.
June 27th	Attended Ottawa ACORN Tenant Consultation meeting with Ottawa Tenants & ACORN Activists as well as City of Ottawa councillors, consultants, and city planners.
July 2nd	Participated in LeadNow's Online Climate Emergency Volunteer Orientation.
July 3rd	Participated in downtown-Ottawa info outreach & petition-signing action as part of Heat Is On / Ça Chauffe campaign to counter plans to privatize downtown-core heating & cooling infrastructure (Cliff Plant) and to raise public awareness on our concerns with the plan and potentially disastrous environmental & safety concerns.
July 6th	Organized & participated in Fight for \$15 and Fairness Ottawa 'Beach Outreach' info outreach/petition-signing action at Britannia Beach. Connected with Ottawa residents about the campaign for \$15 minimum wage & protections for workers, putting an end to cuts to important public services like Healthcare & Education, and the right for all people to earn a living wage.
July 9th	Participated in LeadNow's Online Climate Emergency Volunteer – Fed. Election Candidate Engagement Prep.
July 10th	Stood in solidarity with Anakbayan Ottawa & Ontario Committee for Human Rights in the Philippines at rally in front of Philippines Embassy to protest President Duterte's oppressive regime & human rights violations and to demand the release of political prisoners.
July 11th	Participated in ACORN Ottawa rally in front of ODSP (Ontario Disability Support Program) Building to protest the Ford Government's plans to cut support to Ontarians living with disabilities and to change the current definition of a disability to reduce access to support.
July 11th	First official meeting of the newly established NCR-DCL Committee. Finalized & adopted Committee Terms of Reference/Bylaws, Committee Mandate, and 3-year cycle budget.

	Elected Committee Executive: Chair: Bill Riopelle. Vice-Chair: Alberto Tonerio. Secretary/Treasurer: Alex Silas.
July 12th	Attended Lights for Liberty: Ottawa-Gatineau Vigil at Canadian Tribute to Human Rights Monument to protest atrocities being committed against Migrant Children at the Southern U.S. border and the abuse & discrimination faced by Migrants around the world.
July 16th	Volunteered for breakfast/lunch service at OCH (Operation Come Home) as part of Young Workers community engagement initiative.
July 18th	Attended OAC Federal Election Sub-Committee.
July 20th	Planned & participated in Fight for \$15 and Fairness Info Outreach tabling at "Common Threads: Thrift & Art Fair".
July 27th	<p>Participated in info outreach at Environment Minister Catherine McKenna's (Lib, Ottawa-Centre) event at Brantwood Park as part of Heat Is On / Ça Chauffe campaign to fight back against plans to privatize downtown-core heating & cooling infrastructure and the negative impacts these plans will have not only on Ottawa-Centre residents, public servants, and local businesses - but also on our climate & the Outaouais River.</p> <p>We were able to spread awareness & chat about our campaign with constituents in attendance, Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson, and also relay our concerns to MP McKenna with plans to follow up with the Environment Minister to make public the Environmental Assessment Plan related to the project - as this will have a direct impact on our members as well as Ottawans working & living downtown.</p>
July 29th	<p>Attended Carleton U Postdoc Union (CUPU) DCL 77000 AGM.</p> <p>Presided over election of new local officers.</p> <p>Gave presentation on newly formed NCR-DCL Committee, PSAC-NCR campaigns & Federal Election strategy, current issues in the region, as well as the importance of mobilization, local strengthening & shop stewardship.</p>
July 29th	Attended OAC Festival Sub-Committee meeting.

August 1st	Attended PSAC-NCR Finance Committee meeting as Alternate Treasurer.
August 2nd	<p>Participated in Solidarity Rally in front of MaxSys Staffing & Consulting Offices at 173 Dalhousie Street (scab labour being used by employer GDI Services/National Defence at Garrison Petawawa to replace striking cleaners) – in support of UNDE Local 639 on strike since July 25th . Gave interview to TVA Nouvelles on issues surrounding strike.</p> <p>The members of UNDE Local 639 are striking against the employer’s breach of collective agreement scheduled pay increases, rollbacks to health & safety provisions and staffing & employment standard protections, unjust cancellation of paid sick leave, members of management performing bargaining unit work, and various other violations & breaches of collective agreement language.</p>

I’ll keep it brief here confrères, consoeurs, camarades:

Sign up to volunteer with the OAC/CRAPO to be part of our Federal Election strategy!

Encourage young workers & precarious workers in your locals to complete our PSAC-NCR YWC Precarious Work Survey! (Available on PSAC-NCR Facebook Page)

Join the Heat Is On / Ça Chauffe campaign by signing our petition at heatison.ca!

Keep showing support for our bargaining teams and keep mobilizing your locals to let this government know that we demand a fair contract and fair compensation for Phoenix! We won’t back down, we will fight, and we won’t settle for anything less than what’s right & what our members deserve!

Solidarity.

Alex