

PSAC NCR Communications Committee

Yearly Summary

April 11, 2017 to April 8, 2018

Changing Faces

Robert Willson retired.

Mike Cottingham stepped down, vacating the Director of Communications role.

Ginette Jalbert retired, and Vincent-Carl Leriche is the new PSAC Staff Member.

Ottawa & District Labour Council (ODLC)

Our Chair ran as a member of ODLC Renewal team to bring more democracy to the local labour movement. A strong case was made but the incumbents have a strong following and solid position. As a result of the strong showing the ODLC has stepped up its work in areas that it has been neglecting, but there is still work to do to get more PSAC locals affiliated so that the next election is more inclusive of the federal public service that the ODLC represents.

ODLC did request our assistance with updating their website.

Alliances

Made strong alliances with leaders from other unions, and the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC), including the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF/FEESO), the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario (ETFO), Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union (COPE), & Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW).

Presentations

Presented to Members with Disabilities Action Committee (MDAC) meeting with regards to communication tools and skills.

Challenges

Escalating Phoenix pay issues, continued backlogs, incorrect T4s for a second year.

National Health Union merged with Union of Environment Workers to become Union of Health and Environment Workers (UHEW). Local 70008, one of the largest locals in the National Capital Region, was in trusteeship, and then split into 3 locals.

Projects

Social Media Toolkit was translated and shared, now available online.