

Mike Chartrand - Member at Large Report

NCR Council Annual General meeting

June 13 - 14, 2015

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The details of my activities for the past year June 2014 to June 2015 are detailed below.

I attended a PSAC rally in June 2014 on Laurier Avenue. I participated in the People's Social Forum in August 2014 which, in my opinion, included the highlight of the event, the protest march and rally to Parliament Hill. This was well attended and the PSAC was well represented. Later in August 2014 I attended and participated in the Pride parade in support of the LGBT community. In September 2014 I attended the Labour Day event at McNabb Park, unfortunately the representation from PSAC at this event was relatively low in comparison to other years, however other union organizations participation was good and the general public's attendance was very good. In November 2014 I attended and participated in the NCR retreat.

Our three main focuses this year will be:

- Protecting the Public Service;
- Bargaining and protecting our rights;
- Political action to remove the current government.

This was a great learning experience. Among the discussions was motion to create a new 'Creative Action Sub - committee' of which I volunteered to be a member.

The Creative action sub-committee continues to meet and roll out ideas for all PSAC members to participate in. We have established a mandate and clear direction as to the types of activities we will propose going forward up to and leading to October 19, 2015 election. The sub-committee is establishing a database of creative and varied talents that we can use for events. I was able to recruit a soft rock band and a graphic artist/novelist who are willing to volunteer

their time and efforts to our cause. We have entertainers, musicians, graphic artists, writers and poets. Monthly activities in this region started in January, 2015. In February I attended and participated in the rally at the PMO's in frigid temperatures (must have been at least minus -25 that day).

However, I have since resigned from this committee effective March 2015.

I became a member of the Men's Action Committee in March and participated in the AGM in April.

As an elected member at large I have committed to represent this region to the best of my abilities. I will and have committed to attend each and every meeting and have briefed my component president on the activities we have and will be undertaking. I continued to serve as an executive of the NCR and participated in varied discussions throughout my term and will continue to serve as an executive and fulfill the requirements of the position until the end of my term and beyond.

In solidarity,

Mike Chartrand