

NCR Annual General Meeting 2019 (June 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Member at Large Report by Tony Nicolas

I was elected as an Alternate Member-At-Large at the 2018 NCR AGM (May 26-27). On November 27, 2018, NCR REVP Greg McGillis informed me that a vacant Member-At-Large position was vacant, and I gladly accepted to fill that vacancy. I have been a proud member of the Public Service Alliance of Canada since 1997 and have strived to represent and serve the membership to the best of my abilities and skills. I look forward to this opportunity to serve the NCR members once more and I look forward to continuing to serve my mandate and building on our union common goals & objectives.

Since my appointment as a MAL, I have participated in the following:

- November 28: PSAC NCR Aboriginal Action Circle Annual General Meeting
- November 29: Potluck and General Membership meeting of Employment and Social Development Canada's (ESDC) National Capital Region Indigenous Employees Circle (IEC)
- December 1: Alternate NCR REVP Vote
- December 3-5: PSAC National Human Rights Committee meeting (Indigenous caucus)
- December 4: 56 Sparks Street bargaining teams support demonstration
- December 4: PSAC NCRC Executive Meeting
- December 5: Met with NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh and NDP MP Sheri Benson (Saskatoon West) in regards to the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) and the PSAC's MMIWG postcard campaign. I also attended Question Period on Parliament Hill and spoke briefly with some MPs afterwards.
- December 13: Ottawa Indigenous Peoples' Network (IPN) Christmas Party

- January 8: Day of Action in Solidarity with Wet'suwe'ten
- January 10: IPN Monthly meeting
- January 10: NDP Ottawa Centre Federal Nomination Candidates Debate
- January 12: Ottawa Area Council Annual General Meeting
- January 16: PSAC NCR Health and Safety Committee
- January 18-19: PSAC NCR Union School 2019 - Part I
- January 20: Ottawa Centre Federal NDP Nomination Meeting
- January 23: PSAC NCR Indigenous Action Circle Meeting
- January 26: PSAC NCRC Winter 2019 Meeting
- February 7: IPN Monthly meeting
- February 8: Meeting with Hon. Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change (Lib MP, Ottawa Centre) to discuss MMIWG strategies.
- February 19: IEC National Membership Meeting
- February 27: PSAC NCR Indigenous Action Circle Meeting
- February 28: PSAC Phoenix Day of Action
- February 28: CEIU NCR member engagement training workshop
- February 28: Ottawa-Centre NDP Joint AGM
- March 1: Chance meeting with Hon. Patty Hajdu, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour (Thunder Bay—Superior North) when she visited my workplace. Discussed Phoenix.
- March 6: IEC NCR Potluck
- March 7: IPN Monthly meeting
- March 6: PSAC NIPC / NHRC Indigenous Working Group Teleconference
- March 10: Ottawa-Centre NDP campaign visioning session
- March 13: OAC AGM
- March 22: Bullying Prevention in the Workplace course
- April 1-2: Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) Indigenous Lobby Day. Meet with six Indigenous union activists from different unions (BCTF, PSAC/UHEW, ILWU, CUPE, and CUPW) and regions (BC, SK, NB and NCR) to lobby Members of Parliament and Senators. My first team met

with Darren Fisher, Liberal (Dartmouth-Cole Harbour) in the morning and the second team met with Daniel Blaikie, NDP (Elmwood-Transcona) in the afternoon. We also had an impromptu meeting with Charlie Angus, NDP (Timmins-James Bay) at the start of the day.

- April 3: IEC NCR Monthly Potluck
- April 4: IPN Monthly meeting
- April 15: OFL Power of Many Budget Review Teleconference
- April 6-7: 2019 PSAC NCR Health and Safety Conference
- April 26-28: Ottawa-Centre NDP Community Builder's Forum
- April 27: Impromptu meeting with Jeff Leiper, Councillor, Kitchissippi Ward, City of Ottawa. Discussed Phoenix, marijuana legislation, neighbourhood concerns.

I am:

- Active in meetings of the PSAC National Indigenous Peoples' Circle (NIPC)
- Active in meetings of the PSAC NCRC Executive Council
- Active in meetings of the PSAC NCR IAC
- Active in meetings of the Canada Employment and Immigration Union (CEIU), both regional and national, as well as my own local, CEIU 70704
- Active in meetings of the Ottawa Indigenous Peoples' Network, Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health, and the Odawa Native Friendship Centre
- Active in meetings of the New Democratic Party of Canada and the Ontario New Democratic Party
- ESDC Program Operations Branch's Mental Health and Workplace Wellness Committee

Moving forward in my mandate I plan on:

- participating in more rallies in the region to support our sisters and brothers
- getting involved in more committee meetings
- pursuing more education and training and developing my skillset as a union activist
- restarting the regional Stewards Network and making it viable

- continuing to be at the disposal of members, representatives, and/or committees in the NCR and be of any assistance I can.

Solidarity, Tony Nicolas, CEIU Local 70704