

## **Pride Committee Report**

The Committee has not met since early 2016 for lack of participants.

Still, we organized a number of activities since June to promote the Ottawa-Gatineau GLBT community.

We participated in the Montreal Pride Parade and seized that opportunity to hand out PSAC articles. This inter-union endeavour was a good initiative that we should continue.

Once again we had a booth at the Ottawa-Gatineau Pride parade and our participation was very well received. Many people were unaware that PSAC had a Pride Committee. We handed out books, temporary tattoos, extra shirts we had on hand and window washers.

Jacques Marengère attended the Pride Parade in Toronto on July 17, along with people from the Toronto Franco-Fête organization. A record number of people — more than a million — watched the parade. There were floats and some 10,000 volunteer walkers.

Union committee meetings have been drawing few people lately. There are still a number of inter-union activities in the works and we hope that all of the unions will come together to promote the activities and the political and social movement of our broader community.

The Committee's next meeting will be held during the December 16 AGM. We will address various issues and elect the Committee chair.

The AGM was not held in December as planned. Instead, the Committee met to discuss the lack of participation by members. A decision was made to hold only four meetings a year. We will focus on actions to recruit members: community meetings, inter-union meetings, participation in other union committees and involvement in the broader community. We intend to diversify and welcome our allies. This Committee is as relevant as ever because there are more battles to be fought on all fronts. All we have to do is look at what is going on in the US. The situation is chaotic and has greatly shaken the community. That motivated our decision to recruit among our allies, through various community events and regional Pride Committee kiosks.