

**Report of the
PSAC Comité Régional d'Action Politique de l'Outaouais (CRAPO)
January to June 2015**

The Committee met four times since January 2015.

At our first meeting, the Committee's goal was to align its priorities with PSAC's:

- **Stand up for public services**
- **Support our bargaining teams**
- **Defeat the Harper government**

As part of this goal, we have joined forces with various organizations. We collaborated with the Ottawa group for the May 1st Solidarity March against Austerity and donated \$1000, half of which was allotted to the Ottawa group and the other half to a UQO students group supporting the same cause.

We subsequently met on several occasions with the CSN, FTQ, APTS and FIQ to discuss May 1st events. These groups joined us at the May 1st BBQ and we collaborated on the Ottawa rally during the National Public Service Week.

We are also liaising with other associations representing seniors, pensioners and community groups to get their support and help.

Dan Charron, second VP, attended a meeting with Nycole Turmel to discuss the NCC.

Of course, the Committee intends to participate in the days of action planned on the 19th of each month.

A meeting was held with NDP MPs Françoise Boivin, Mathieu Ravnignat and Paul Dewar – Nycole Turmel was absent due to illness but was represented. The meeting focused on the future of the public service, including employer's respect for workers and their rights. We were also informed that Chantal Crête was the new NDP candidate for the Argenteuil-Papineau-Mirabel riding and that she will most probably need our help canvassing. If you are interested, please contact the NDP.

There will be a training in Québec City on how to prepare for media interviews and door-to-door canvassing. We hope to draw a LARGE crowd. We are doing the groundwork to get rid of these Conservatives.

Democracy School, Leadership 1 & 11.

May 1st

B.B.Q. at du Portage: Met with members to answer their questions on sick leave. Members were asked to write to their bargaining teams to show their support. It is clear that members do not want to lose their sick leave provisions.

In the afternoon, we participated in an inter-union coalition march starting in front of the office of Maryse Gaudreault, provincial Liberal MP, and continuing toward the Lac Lemay Casino. More than 2,000 members participated to the march and each union delivered a strong message.

We strongly encourage you to join us so that we can rise to this challenge together.

Shirley Taylor, President

Sophie Rouy – 1st Vice-President

Dan Charron – 2nd Vice-President

Michel Tondreau – Secretary,

CRAPO members