

Report of the Ottawa Area Council (OAC) Chair

January 1, 2019 to April 30, 2019

Here is the report presented at the NCR Council meeting (AGM) held on June 1-2, 2019.

- I chaired a day-long **OAC planning and priority-setting meeting** on Saturday, January 12, 2019. The day started REVP Greg McGillis leading a discussion on the Rules of Order, a review of the 2018 OAC Operating Budget, a report from Brother Phil Lillies on the activities of the Ottawa District Labour Council, followed by an update from the members of the OAC By-laws committee on the work that had done. Although we were 10 delegates and 2 guests, quorum was not reached. Consequently, the December 12, 2018 minutes were not approved. The afternoon session consisted of a discussion on:
 - the proposed 3-year budget that was submitted
 - OAC operational priorities for 2019
 - the political campaigns led by the PSAC and partners in the labour movement
 - a recruitment strategy (for more delegate participation in 2019)
- Along with many other OAC delegates and PSAC members, I attended the **PSAC NCR 2019 Union School** on January 18-19, 2019. During the networking time on Friday where the PSAC had invited MPs, I spoke with MP Greg Fergus, MP Scott McKinnon and MP Mona Fortier about the issues important to PSAC members. Other OAC delegates and PSAC members also took the opportunity to speak with these elected officials.
- I attended the **NCR Council meeting** of January 26th as the OAC delegate.
- Attended a meeting on January 31, 2018 with PSAC staff to plan the kick-off activities of the **2019 OAC Recruitment Strategy**. Brother Phil Lillies and I volunteered on the morning of February 5, 2019 to call local presidents to raise awareness of the OAC and the importance of sending delegates.
 - Out of the 115 calls that were made using the Call Hub tool, we spoke with 28 local presidents.
 - 25 of them agreed to send delegates or to discuss it further within their local to seek out interest.

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- Along with many other OAC delegates and PSAC members, I attended the **PSAC NCR Phoenix Training and Mobilizing** session on February 27-28, 2019. Then, I participated with hundreds of other members and allies at the Phoenix Day of Action rally held in the morning of February 28, 2018.
- At the **OAC Annual General Meeting** on March 13, 2018, close to 40 delegates, guests and observers were in attendance. Many delegates offered for executive positions, a true sign of member engagement towards Ottawa's political action committee.
- On March 14, 2019, I participated in a conference call with REVP Greg McGillis, Alan Craig, the Chair of CRAPO, and a few PSAC staff members on the subject of the upcoming **federal election**.
- As the OAC representative, Brother Robbie Henderson attended the **Power of Many** event held in Toronto, ON held on March 25, 2019.
- As a member of the **Ottawa West-Nepean NDP**, I was elected on March 25, 2019 as a delegate to attend the Ontario NDP Convention on June 14-16, 2019 in Hamilton, ON.
- OAC delegates and PSAC members attended a rally on March 22, 2019 at the Walter Baker Sports Centre with allies from the **Ottawa Against Ford Coalition (OCAF)** to express our concerns and outrage against Premier Doug Ford and local PC MPP Lisa MacLeod, MPP Goldie Ghamari, MPP Merrilee Fullerton and MPP Jeremy Roberts. The OAC covered the transportation costs of getting members to and from the event.
- I attended the **Progress Summit 2019** 2-day conference organized by the Broadbent Institute on March 27-29 along with a few other PSAC members and staff.
- Along with several OAC delegates and PSAC members, I attended the **Power of Many** event on April 2, 2019. During the networking, I was fortunate to co-MC the event organized by the Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) with Sean McKenny, President of the ODLC.

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- I participated on the PSAC team during the **ACORN Ottawa Trivial Beersuit 2019** held on April 5, 2019, a fundraiser to support the #FORDFIGHTBACK and stop Ford's cuts. Other members of the team included REVP Greg McGillis and A/REVP Alex Silas.
- I attended the **Regional Health and Safety Conference 2019** held on April 6-7, 2019 along with many PSAC members.
- I attended the **PSAC NCR Executive Committee** meeting on April 8, 2018.
- On April 15, 2019, **OAC Executives** met to discuss roles, responsibilities and priorities for 2019.
- As a member of the Ottawa Committee for Pension Security, I met with a member from the Canadian Association of Professional Employees (CAPE) on April 16, 2019 to discuss how to bring more awareness to federal employees about the serious **concerns about pension security** for Canadians.
- OAC delegates and PSAC members attended mobilization events to **support our TBS bargaining teams** on April 25, 2019 at Tunney's Pasture from 7am until 9am and on April 26, 2019 at the Place du Portage food court from 8am until 1pm. Many members and federal employees expressed how important it is to make our demands heard by the government if we want the respect our members deserve.

Respectfully submitted,

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