

Pride Committee Report

The Committee has initiated discussions on our community's issues and the potential impact of the federal election on a number of different occasions since March 2015.

We held meetings in April and June 2015.

We organized a number of activities to promote the Ottawa-Gatineau GLBT community, including a film screening at the Mayfair Theatre in May and an early evening gathering at Le Mirage restaurant featuring the creator of the GLBT community flag.

We spent two days preparing for and participating in the Montreal Pride parade, and we had a booth on Ste. Catherine Street. We took the opportunity to hand out PSAC articles and information on our community and the election issues that affect us. 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 said they did not know the Alliance had a Pride Committee. We handed out books, temporary tattoos and extra shirts that we had on hand.

In closing, I have been finding that attendance at union committee meetings has been low for some time now. There are still a number of inter-union activities in the works and I hope that all of the unions will come together to promote the activities and the political and social movement of our broader community.

Our next AGM meeting will be held on 16 December. We will discuss different topics and we will proceed to the election of the chair.