

OAC report for 2025

Here's to and to 2025. As in any year there were challenges and those challenges are spilling over to 2026.

This year the OAC participated and co hosted the Ottawa Capital Pride Parade. The day was sunny and hot and we had a great turn out of members who came to help us celebrate. Unfortunately this was cut short due to protests but we had fun before the parade and felt a great camaraderie. This was the year that we discussed that going forward the OAC would no longer co-hosting for the parade and the Pride committee would take over. That being said the OAC will continue to help out with paying the City of Ottawa fee to participate.

The OAC also sponsored the Labour Day Parade which was headed up by Ryan and was a success in PSAC showing support for the labour movement in Ottawa. The OAC will continue this support in coming years.

In December the OAC hosted a dinner for the volunteers of the committees in the NCR. It was held at the Prescott. As this was the first event like this to be held in a private facility there was a learning curve and we have noted those lessons well. As well as holding a dinner we also took the time to assemble blessing bags for the homeless. We invited Shauna of Shauna's Outreach to attend and give a little talk on the plight of the homeless in Ottawa. There was also an update on bargaining given by a member of the bargaining team as well. I'd like to thank all the other committees that contributed to this endeavour to make it a great success. Also the OAC decided to dedicate this event in the future to be the Gord Marshall gathering. Gord had this idea the year before and unfortunately we lost him this year and this is a great way to remember him.

This new year of 2026 brings us many challenges workforce adjustment, RTO, and an impasse on bargaining we are off to a running start. The initiatives still stand on offering any local to reach out to the OAC and we can help you with info picket training and materials. Pick your topic or all three we can be there to supply you with flyers and goodies as well as volunteers to help out. Just reach out.

