

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING REPORT

VP Ontario Regional Report

Sept 30-Oct 3, 2019

The following represents a chronological list of the activities since the UNDE National Executive meeting in Winnipeg on May 22-25, 2019:

LIST OF ACTIVITIES

June 20, 2019. Bargaining meeting Trenton Local 637
July 25, 2019 GDI Local 639 Petawawa, on strike.
August 1, 2019. Visit GDI Local 639 Petawawa, in support of striking members.
August 31 to Sept 7, 2019. Return to Bargaining, Ottawa
Sept 7-11, 2019. FR Steering Committee Meeting Ottawa.
Sept 17-18, 2019. Kingston Anti-privatization Rally.
Sept 19, 2019. Attended a rally in support of Trenton Local 650.
Sept 19, 2019. Bargaining info meeting Borden 621.
Sept 24-25, 2019. Walking the strike line in support of Petawawa Local 639

HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITIES

Bargaining activities: I was invited and provided bargaining info to locals in Trenton and Borden. The PA and Common Issues teams were called back on Aug 30 to attempt a last ditch effort in reaching a collective agreement. All info is on the PSAC website. We worked long and hard all week attempting to reach an agreement but fell short at the end when TB walked off. The PIC will resume in Dec and next January as previously planned.

GDI Local 639 Petawawa walked off the job on July 25th. Disagreement on several issues could not be solved forcing our members to walk off the job. The employer failed to uphold portions of the previous collective agreement and came up short on any new demands, the strike is ongoing. The local has as been on strike for 9 weeks and are asking for assistance if able to help.

Trenton Local 650. The employer has refused to pay this locals next raise in accordance with their collective agreement. On Sept 19th, PSAC organised a rally in Trenton in support of the local. The rally was attended by striking commissionaires, PSAC RVP Sharon De Sousa, PSAC Regional members, Petawawa Local 639 striking members and myself.

On Sept 25 I walked the 639 strike line. I was there along with Petawawa Local 629's President Grant Tennant, we talked the striking members reinforcing the importance of holding a strong strike line.

Anti Privatization Rally: Kingston held a anti privatization rally on Sept18. The rally is to protest the loss of jobs to contract as mainly the RPOU sections are looking to not replace retired worker with TB employees, rather contract out the work while using SWEE in other areas..

FR Steering committee. Please see FR report.

A thank you to Sister Carolyn Handley for stepping in during my absence due to bargaining.

Terry Fox March.

Members from Borden Local 620, and Brother Bob Dwyer are to be recognised in their support of MR. Will Dwyer's (Bob's father) goal to raise 1million dollars for the Terry Fox Foundation.

MR. Dwyer started raising funds for the foundation soon after seeing Terry Fox's heroic actions, 39 years ago.at some point in his efforts he set his personal goal to reach 1 Million dollars. Mr. Dwyer's Mother had passed from cancer, and since he started collecting for this great cause, two of his sons also perished from

cancer. Mr. Dwyer is also at this time fighting cancer. Now in his 94th year, with help of his Son Bob and dozens of members of Local 620, on Sept 6, 2019 he has reached and surpassed his goal. \$750 Million have been raised by the Terry Fox Run, Mr. Dwyer has dedicated his last 39 years in getting \$1 Million of this. Fantastic job by all.

Also thank you to UNDE for matching Local 620's donation of \$1000.

Respectfully Submitted,

Serge Desbiens
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