Nova Scotia Regional Report to the UNDE National Executive

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| **Name:** Craig Smith | **Date:** 25 July 2023 |
| **UNDE VP NS** |
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| **Activities since the last UNDE National Executive Meeting** |
| **Activities:** | **Added Information:** |
| 04 April 2023 Strike Mobilization Meeting | Attended Strike Mobilization meeting with Strike Co-Ordinator’s at PSAC Regional Office. Lots of information shared between components. I was assigned Strike Co-Ordinator for all DND Strike Lines in Halifax Regional Municipality 7 in total. |
| 06 April 2023 | Attended strike training at Halifax Hotel with PSAC other components along with strike captains. Discussed roles, responsibilities, and some media training. |
| 14 April 2023 Met with KHM (Kings Harbour Master) to discuss possible strike  | Had a good meeting with CO discussed expectations of strike action and he use of essential 2 and 3. I also met with members of KHM on request of local president to help them understand strike pay and how the whole strike thing would take place. |
|  19 April 2023 Strike Called | Contacted all local Presidents, picked up supplies for strike lines  |
| 19 April 2023 to 01 May 2023 On Strike | Very interesting 2 weeks many members had never been on strike before luckily, we had some seasoned members as picket captains who were quick to take charge. We had 7 picket lines 2 in Dockyard, 2 at CFB Stadacona 2 at Willow Park and 1 in CFB Greenwood . The strike itself was fairly good even though a lot of our members went to strike lines closer to home we still had good turnout.The CFB Halifax Firefighters supplied food, drink, and garbage bags (and got in a little trouble for using DND Vehicles) Locals in Dockyard supplied food and donated over $3000.00 to our strike lines for food and drinks.We received a “Cease and Desist” letter from the Base Commander for holding people from entering the base. (just ignored it and never heard anything else). Overall, no major problems (some minor pushing and shoving and 1 person hit by a car (person in car got $750.00 fine and disciplined by CAF) |
| 15 May 2023 | Met with Rear Admiral Santarpia for a post-strike discussion, he thanked me for my leadership during the strike and assured me no UNDE members would receive discipline for actions during the strike (FF who used ladder truck to display PSAC Flag and UNDE Flag and used DND vehicle to deliver coffee to strike lines) |
| 18 May 2023 Defence Advisory Group Meeting | Was invited to DAG Co-Chairs and Champions meeting. Issues discussed how to influence change as it relates to the groups and it was Rear Admiral Santarpia’s last meeting as he will be soon retiring. |
| 05 June 2023 | Monthly meeting with Dawn Kennedy HR Civ Local manager |
| 15 June 2023 Teams Meeting JLP | Had teams meeting with JLP Labour and Management reps along with Dan Frost to discuss signing of new MOA for JLP in Atlantic. Also discussed possibility of having booth set up at convention. |
| 19 June 2023 MHSPC Meeting | Attended MARLANT Health and Safety Policy Committee meeting was introduced to new Rear Admiral Kurtz who will be taking over from Santarpia. IBEW Rep was appointed as new Labour CO Chair. Lots of issues discussed and we agreed to set up another meeting to discuss the Work Refusal and Internal complaint resolution process map. |
| 26 June attended FMF LMRC | Big discussion on FMF’s plans to contracting out work in the dockyard which led to setting up another meeting to discuss strictly contracting out. This contracting mainly concerns Dockyard trades and labour work but the trickle down will affect our members. |
| 29 June 2023 RPOUA LMRC | Had discussions on contracting out and internal non advertised hiring (details in Dan Frost report) |
| 18 July 2023 FMF Fun Days | Attended Family fun days at Oakfield Park  |
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| Added Info | Nova Scotia has gone through some bizarre forest fires and floods in the last 2 months with many members affected either seriously or not so seriously. The DND Fire dept assisted many other fire dept’s and others in fighting the forest fires along with many volunteers who were UNDE members. |
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