

THE Accent

Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

Call for Director Nominations

Nominations must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 15, 2010.



The Membership Services Committee has issued a call for nominations for the position of Director for locals 9,11,13,17,19 and 20. Members of said locals should submit names of eligible nominees. To be eligible for nomination as a Director, a member of the applicable local must be a member of good standing for at least a twelve month period and be nominated by a member in good standing from the same local. Nominees must have completed a *You and Your Union* or equivalent course.

Please submit a biography of the nominee (required) along with a nomination form. Nomination forms are available at the Union office or by calling 892-5335 or toll free at 1-800-897-8773. The deadline for receipt of nominations at the UPSE office is 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 15, 2010.

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Arbitration

Union and Department of Health Heading to Arbitration

The President of the Union of Public Sector Employees, Shelley Ward, says that “negotiations between the Union and the Department of Health are moving to arbitration. Talks began in April of 2009 and broke down in December leaving mostly monetary issues on the table.”



*Shelley Ward,
President, PEI UPSE*

“Negotiating teams moved to conciliation on March 10 and 11, 2010 and have not been able to resolve outstanding issues. We are now seeking final and binding arbitration to settle the Health collective agreement for PEI UPSE health care members. The major stumbling blocks are wages and recruitment and retention,” asserts Ward.

PEI UPSE represents 1250 members in the Department of Health whose collective agreement expired on March 31, 2009. Members include Licensed Practical Nurses, Resident Care Workers and other professional categories.

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UPSE is proud to represent over 5000 members in the public and private sectors.

Government Waste

Body and paint shop move is a blatant waste of taxpayers money

Job creation is a key factor in keeping the economy going. The Liberal government would like Islanders to believe that moving the Department of Transportation's body and paint shop to Tignish is rural development. Minister Sheridan and the Liberal government have announced that "it's time to put our shoulders to the wheel" and "we should lead by example." Does leading by example mean spending money we don't have in tough times?

Government puts shoulder to the wheel...



... buying votes!

With an \$85 million deficit facing us it's hard to believe the government is willing to spend over \$1 million on a new facility in Tignish. Moving the body and paint shop to Tignish will cost taxpayers significantly more than keeping the facility in Milton (another rural area). It will waste three times the man power time to transport equipment to and from Tignish, and will keep equipment out of service three times longer! This includes snow plows that will be off the roads longer in winter when equipment breaks down. If you consider that 90% of the equipment the body and paint shop services is located to the east of Charlottetown, in Charlottetown, and no further west than Summerside, then one has to wonder about the logic of moving the body and paint shop to Tignish?

Body and Paint Shop Petition

Join the fight against relocating the body and paint shop to Tignish

To sign the online body and paint shop petition please visit the PEI UPSE website at www.peiupse.ca. The online petition provides an efficient way for you to voice your concern.

The Liberal government would like Islanders to believe that moving the Department of Transportation's body and paint shop from Milton to Tignish will create good paying jobs. But simply moving jobs from one location to another is not job creation. What the government needs to consider is how to create jobs and real investment in Tignish and rural Prince Edward Island. The current approach is just a costly shuffle of people, programs and services already in place.

Social Workers Month

March is Social Workers Month

The P.E.I. Union of Public Sector Employees wishes to acknowledge Social Workers on P.E.I. Every day, Social Workers offer support, healing, and advocacy to individuals, families and communities.

We thank you for your dedicated service.

McJobs.org

The expression "McJob," was first coined in Douglas Coupland's novel *Generation X*. A decade later it made it into the *Oxford English Dictionary* defined as "dead end, low paid employment." McDonald's was never happy about the use of McJob and have campaigned to change the definition. The company even bought the Internet domain name mcjobs.com just to make sure it couldn't be used against them. But they missed mcjobs.org. So, the global Union Federation for Food Workers, together with the daily labour news website, Labour Start, bought mcjobs.org - the website for McDonald's workers around the world.