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Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

## Public Service Week June 13-17, 2011

An average Canadian family enjoys about \$40,000 per year worth of public services.

**Public Services are what make a better life possible for families in PEI!**

**PEI UPSE recognizes and thanks all provincial public service employees for their hard work and dedication. You make PEI a better place for everyone - everyday! The services you work to deliver create a big part of the public sector that helps keep families and communities safe and secure ...**

*Like the home support worker who makes it possible for seniors to live at home in relative comfort and dignity.*

*Like the public health inspector who tells the restaurant owner that he'll have to clean up or shut down before a customer gets sick.*

*Like the vocational instructor who turns eager young people into skilled welders who can get good paying jobs.*

*Like the liquor store worker who tells the 16-year old to put the bottle back on the shelf.*

*Like the health professionals who keep us safe by preparing for and responding to a contagious disease outbreak.*

*Like the highway maintenance worker who keeps the roads in good repair so you can get from here to there safely in all seasons.*

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

# Putting a Face on the Public Service for Public Service Week

**Name:** Doris MacKinnon

**Job:** Mental Health Outreach Worker

**Location and bargaining unit:** Souris and Montague - Health

**Best day on the job:** A day when I feel I made one of my client's days by just listening to them, and have them know someone cares about them.

**Worst day on the job:** Knowing I could have made a difference for someone if they had just sought help.

**Interests / hobbies / volunteerism:** Sports and cards.

**Future plans:** To retire and be able to spend more time with my grandchildren.



**Name:** Nancy Smith

**Job:** Lab Technician

**Location and bargaining unit:** Research Station - Civil Service

**Best day on the job:** Working with my co-workers to perform tests and analyze samples that help ensure Islanders have safe drinking water everyday.

**Worst day on the job:** When a test does not yield accurate results and has to be redone for reasons beyond our control.

**Interests / hobbies / volunteerism:** PEI model forest network, running and the union.

**Future plans:** To enjoy working and living life to its fullest.



**Name:** Pierre Gaudet

**Job:** Youth Worker

**Location and Bargaining Unit:** PEI Youth Centre, Civil Service

**Best day on the job:** Anyday that I leave feeling I have had a positive impact on a young person in which I am trusted to work with.

**Worst day on the job:** Days that don't go as planned due in part to the reality of working with very troubled clients.

**Interests / hobbies / volunteerism:** Family, hockey, golf, and community events.

**Future plans:** Continued union involvement.

