

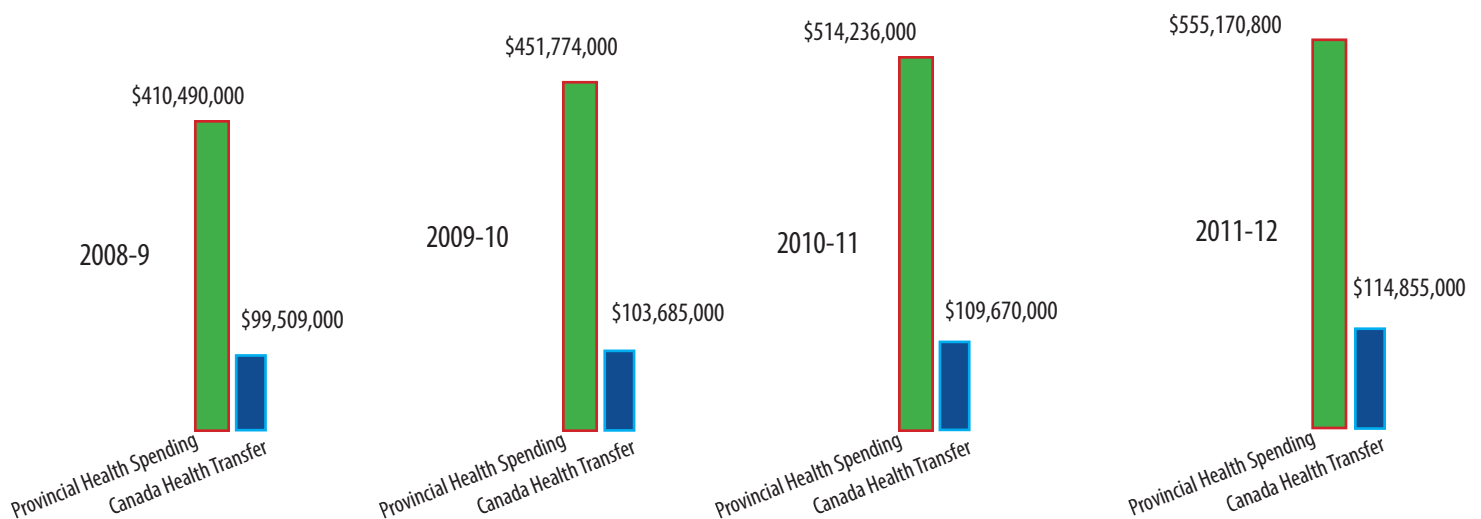
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Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

PEI UPSE is seeking interested members to partake in an information session and rally on the Canada Health Transfer Fund which is being planned in Halifax on November 24 and 25, 2011.

The provincial and territorial health ministers are meeting and one of the topics for discussion will be what the future holds for the Canada Health Transfer (CHT). Public sector employees delivering health care services and Islanders in general have legitimate concerns about what the federal government is going to do in 2014 when the health accord expires.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has committed to maintain the 6% annual increase in health care funding to the provinces that was brought in as part of the 2004 health accord. It is imperative that this 6% escalator clause is maintained in order for the federal government to protect our publicly-funded health care system. This really is a bare minimum commitment as each year we see the growth in provincial health spending outpacing the growth of the CHT.



PEI, like other provinces, relies on transfer payments to ensure the province has "sufficient revenue to provide reasonably comparable levels of public services at reasonably comparable levels of taxation" (Canadian Constitution). The CHT helps the provincial government pay for essential health care services including the provision of competitive wages for workers who provide health care. A competitive rate helps ensure that we can recruit and retain health care workers in our province.

If you are a front-line health care worker and are interested in attending the upcoming information session and rally in Halifax, please submit a one page essay outlining your interest on this issue including: your union involvement, your union education, what you hope to gain from attending the rally and information session, and what your commitment to your union would be upon your return. The deadline for submitting your essay to PEI UPSE is November 9, 2011.

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

List of Directors in odd numbered locals

(no received nominations were contested in August 2011)

The union received nominations for Director positions in odd numbered locals up until the August 1, 2011 deadline. No received nominations were contested and so no elections were held. A second call for vacant Director positions will go out after PEI UPSE's Annual Convention. Please see the 2011-13 roster of Directors in odd numbered locals as follows:

Title	Name	Work	Phone	Email
Director	Local 1 Juanita Gallant	Dept of Development (O'Leary)	859-8800	jmgallant@gov.pe.ca
Director	Local 3 Arlene Bowness	Summerset Manor (Summerside)	888-8310	arlenebowness@pei.sympatico.ca
Director	Local 5 Steve Mollins	Probation Services (Summerside)	888-8357	sdmollins@gov.pe.ca
	Simon Hashie	Government Garage (Slemon Park)	888-8271	sjhashie@gov.pe.ca
Director	Local 7 Chrissy Murphy	Hillsborough Hospital	368-5400	chrissey_murphy6@hotmail.ca
Director	Local 9 Bernie LeFort	McGill Centre	368-6534	belefort@ihis.org
Director	Local 11 - Vacant			
Director	Local 13 - Vacant			
Director	Local 15 Jane Young	Rural Development - Montague	838-0812	jeyoung@gov.pe.ca
	Vacant position			
Director	Local 17 - Vacant			
Director	Local 19 Fred Quinn	Retired	367-5302	jquinn13@hotmail.com
	Eileen Brown-Wilt	Retired	859-2317	westcappers@gmail.com

Tender for Snow Removal *Submit tenders by November 4, 2011*

Please submit tenders for a Seasonal Contract Agreement for the 2011/12 Winter season. The services will include snow removal from upper and lower level parking lots by 7:30 a.m., as well as shoveling, sanding and salting of entrance areas. Return visits may be required on the same day depending on conditions. Preference will be given to PEI UPSE members and the lowest tender may not necessarily be accepted. Please send sealed tenders to:

PEI Union of Public Sector Employees, c/o Simon Hashie, Secretary Treasurer
4 Enman Crescent, Charlottetown
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