

THE Accent

Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

Steward's Conference

April 11, 2012

Time: 9:00-4:00 pm

Place: Holiday Inn Express, 200 Capital Drive, Charlottetown (Avonlea room)



Conference topics: Day in the Life of a Steward

- **steward's role when representing members**
- **steward responsibilities**
- **dealing with social media issues**
- **dealing with unjust dismissals**
- **open discussion on member issues**

Presenters: Kimberly Turner, Q.C., B.A., LL.B.
and Andrew Nielsen, B.J., LL.B. (Pink Larkin)

The Steward's Conference is open only to current elected Stewards of PEI UPSE. Call the union by April 6, 2012 to register at 902-892-5335, toll free at 1-800-897-8773, or email peiupse@peiupse.ca

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

Protecting Public Services for Islanders ...

The Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees (PEI UPSE) urges the province to reduce its spending in times of restraint without reductions to public services Islanders depend on every day.

The average Island family enjoys public services worth about \$40,000 per year. As we all know, many Islanders would not be able to afford these services if government did not provide them.

PEI UPSE's cost saving suggestions for government are:

- **achieve cost savings without cutting valuable public services. Job cuts hurt our economy and lower the quality of life for all Islanders**
- **tighten restrictions on government loans and grants to ensure less risk for tax payers**
- **review benefits for excluded government employees and MLAs**
(excluded employees and MLAs receive higher benefits than unionized employees)
- **reduce meeting and travel expenses**
(increase use of car pooling and teleconferencing)
- **reduce government out-sourcing for expensive consultants and lucrative contract work**
- **standardize government service hours throughout the year to save on heating, electricity and maintenance costs**
- **minimize name changes for government departments**
(to reduce changes in stationary and other department-branded material)

Quality public services are your services ...

... services that are already under enough stress like health care, education, social services, public safety and environmental protection.

**Islanders can't afford
any further cuts!**

