

THE Accent

Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

Call for Members: Occupational Health and Safety Committee

UPSE is issuing a call for members to form and sit on an Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Committee. The union carried a resolution at Annual Convention outlining the need for a committee to look at workplace health and safety concerns.



General Responsibilities Could Include:

- *review all safety committees in UPSE workplaces to ensure that members have equal representation*
- *each year provide the union an up-to-date list of all elect representatives of the OHS committees in the workplace*
- *review the Occupational Health and Safety Act to ensure that PEI has the most modern Act and recommend to the Board any changes required*
- *review the Workers Compensation Act and make recommendations to the Board of any changes required*
- *encourage awareness of health and safety issues within the membership through topical articles in union publications*
- *plan and work within committee budget requirements*
- *undertake and report on projects assigned as required*



To express interest in joining the *UPSE Occupational Health and Safety Committee* please contact the union by March 31, 2014. Call 902-892-5335, toll free 1-800-897-8773, or email peiupse@peiupse.ca

UPSE Contest - Win a Touch Screen Blackberry!

ENTER DRAW TO WIN!

Attention UPSE members! You could win a touch screen Blackberry (used) by calling or emailing the union to enter the draw.

To enter, contact PEI UPSE by Wednesday, April 9 at 902-892-5335, toll free at 1-800-897-8773, or email (peiupse@peiupse.ca).

The lucky winner will be contacted following the draw which takes place at UPSE's Board meeting on April 10.



Union donates cell phones to *Home Instead*

UPSE donated two used cell phones to Home Instead's *Cell Phones for Seniors* program in March. Many seniors live alone and do not have contact with people to make sure they are safe. Seniors can have falls and may not be able to reach their landlines which are not always dependable during power outages and storms.



The *Cell Phones for Seniors* program helps provide seniors with their own cell phone which in some instances can save lives!

Labour History: PEI Tries to Ban Unions

March 25, 1948 The government of Prince Edward Island passes laws to stop unions and their organizers from coming into the province. The province withdraws the legislation when the federal government threatens to use its powers to "disallow" the legislation for being "unconstitutional and contrary to reason, justice and natural equity."



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