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Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

## UPSE Women's Bowling Event May 24, 2019

The UPSE Women's Committee is holding a women's bowling event at the Credit Union Place in Summerside on May 24, 2019 at 6 p.m. **(Bowling and door prizes)**

If you would like to take part please contact the union by **May 15, 2019** to reserve your spot.

Call **902-892-5335**, toll free **1-800-897-8773**, or e-mail [peiupse@peiupse.ca](mailto:peiupse@peiupse.ca)



## Union Requires Grass Cutting Services

Members invited to submit tenders ...

PEI UPSE is calling for tenders regarding grass cutting services for the union office located at 4 Enman Crescent, Charlottetown. Services are required from May 13 to October 31, 2019.

Grass should be cut once per week or as needed (also includes weeding, edging and maintaining flower beds).



Please submit tenders marked "Grass cutting tender" to:

Union of Public Sector Employees  
c/o Kevin Gotell, Secretary Treasurer  
4 Enman Crescent, Charlottetown  
PE, C1E 1E6

**Please submit tenders by April 26, 2019**

# Holland College Early Learning Centre *New Collective Agreement*

UPSE and Holland College Early Learning Centre have signed a new three year collective agreement. The collective agreement includes increased wage premiums, maternity benefits, and reflects the province's new wage grid.

**Pic (Top L-R):** Sandra Gass (Early Childhood Educator), Andrew Jack (UPSE LRO), Jill Cameron (HR, Holland College), and Ken Heckbert (CFO, Holland College).

**Bottom (L-R):** Karen Jackson (UPSE President) and Dr. Sandy MacDonald (Holland College President)



## Don't think you've ever benefited from a union?

### Nearly every right you have as a worker is thanks to unions ...

Workers organized to fight for their rights. Whether it was to end child labour or win a living wage, to ensure workplace safety, or to limit hours of work, unions sought to make people's work lives better. As a result of the efforts of unions, legislation exists today that protects Canadian workers and provides improved working conditions. Unfortunately, there are gaps in legislation, and more work needs to be done to ensure workers are treated with fairness and respect.

### But unions were never just worried about the workplace ...

While defending workers on the job is very important to unions, the Canadian labour movement has always felt a responsibility to engage in social unionism, or the broader issues of the day. For this reason, unions have been at the forefront of many important struggles for the environment, human rights, equality, democracy, peace, and most recently, income inequality. We have enjoyed many victories.

### Unions — still working to make life better for Canadians ...

Finally, unions know that people need and deserve a wide range of public services and programs. We need to work to push governments to invest in national programs for public child care, prescription drugs, dental care, protection from domestic violence, and retirement security. The good news is that almost all of these public services are cost effective and will save governments money in the long run. The even better news is that they will help build a stronger and more stable economy for all of us!