## Union seeks members to participate in raising awareness on affordable housing and P3s

The PEI Union of Public Sector Employees is issuing a call for members who are interested in sitting on a committee concerning Public Private Partnerships (P3s). Approximately six PEI UPSE members will be trained on the effects of P3s and will be active in the union's coalition campaign - *Affordable Housing for Seniors*.

Once an asset is handed over to the private sector, the public still pays for it, but often doesn't own it. Investment in our own future is lost (problems with P3s).

The **Affordable Housing for Seniors** campaign was approved by the union's board of directors based on the understanding that PEI UPSE has a vested interest in communities in Prince Edward Island. Other partners in the campaign include CUPE, IUOE and the PEI Nurses Union.



If we don't help our seniors - who will?

When private companies take over a public service they generally attempt to do so through staff wage cuts and layoffs, service cuts, user fees and lower quality – cutting corners to keep up profits (problems with P3s).

Members interested in joining the P3 committee should contact the union office at 902-892-5335, toll free at 1-800-897-8773, or email peiupse@peiupse.ca by Thursday, June 2, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

This bulletin is an internal publication of the Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees. Comments, questions, concerns and suggestions should be sent to: Mark Barrett, UPSE Communications and Campaigns Officer at mbarrett@peiupse.ca.