

Report of the Provincial Director for New Brunswick  
Darlene Bembridge  
for the April 2024 Regional Council Meeting

Thank you for me electing me as one of your Provincial Representatives for New Brunswick. I have stated many times please reach out and I will gladly participate in meetings or events being held by your local or committee. Participation in meetings has changed since the beginning of the pandemic and I will gladly attend virtually.

Since the election I have attend area council meetings virtually and in person in Saint John and Moncton and I provided an update from the REVP's office. I also chaired the elections for the Saint John area council AGM. I am looking forward to interacting with all of the Area Council Delegates at the PSAC National convention at the end of May.

I was thrilled to be able to attend the NB Federation of Labour Woman's Gala in Moncton at the end of October. To my surprise I was honoured at this event with the 2023 Woman in Leadership Award, a special thank you to the amazing woman in the labour moment and to all the allies that support.

There is interest in the Saint John area to start a Youth committee, if you know of components or DCL's that have members interested in participating, please reach out. If you know anyone interested in participating in the committees included under the PSAC Constitution, please just drop me a note and I will ensure you receive an invitation to future meetings or work on organizing a committee in your community.

My own Local put together a member appreciation event last fall, and it was well attended, it is a way to engage members, I know a local in Moncton is holding board game nights. I am looking for everyone's help in trying to find other ways to engage the membership, if you have idea's please reach out.

With the government's mandate to have members in the office 2 days a week, I have tired to find the positive in the decision, at least we can "plant gate" again, allowing us face to face with the membership and it give us back the bulletin boards. We can post to bulletin boards for people to see.

We have just had another Anniversary of the Phoenix pay system, which is still having issues and impacting our members, but PSAC won a victory regarding the tax consequences, it is a step in the right direction.

I believe as a Union we are facing one of the biggest challenges on the horizon. There is a threat of a Conservative government which has not been favourable to Unions in the past. These Conservative governments usually come with a significant cut to Union government employees, if the current leader of the Conservatives is elected, it will be show that no one wants to see. We as Union members must be united and be prepared for the fight.

So much work to be done, so let's work together to protect our Rights. Please reach out if I can help in anyway and if you want me to attend your event.

In solidarity,  
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