

GMM President's Report

November 12, 2019

Passing of Douglas O'Halloran – President of UFCW Local 401

On Thanksgiving Day this year Douglas O'Halloran, the President of UFCW Local 401 passed away peacefully with his family at a hospital in Calgary. He lost his second battle with cancer in the last 4 years and he will be remembered always and missed often.

Healthcare Transition

We are still in the process of transitioning our membership to CUPE and MAHCP as the process seems to be dragging on. The Commissioner has indicated that he will be issuing temporary certificates in mid-November or early December and when that happens the transition will be official.

Federal Election

We were disappointed in the results of the Federal election and are interested to see how the Liberals will handle having a minority government that forces them to find allies in the House of Commons.

Our fear is that they will be unable to govern in conjunction with any of the other parties and that Canadians will have to go back to the polls sooner rather than later.

Maple Leaf Brandon Bargaining

Bargaining has reached the critical point where we only have monetary proposals left on the table. We have dates set for November 7th and 8th and again on November 18th and 19th. For the latest updates go to our website at ufcw832.com.

Hylife Neepawa Bargaining

Bargaining just started on October 25th and Secretary Treasurer Beatrice Bruske is heading up the Local 832 committee. As with the Maple Leaf talks, go to our website for the latest updates.

Stella's Osborne First Contract

On September 20th we received the first contract at the Stella's location on Sherbrook Street after an extremely difficult process of negotiations, conciliation and finally a first contract application at the Manitoba Labour Board.

Our relationship with this employer is highly confrontational – although it need not be – and they seem to be willing to spend unlimited resources to try and give or do as little as possible for our members working at both of their unionized locations.

Despite the fact that the Labour Board ruled on a first contract at Sherbrook, the Company would not recognize the same terms and conditions at the Osborne location and on November 21st we will have to go back to the board to do it all over again.

If the Company spent half the money they do on legal fees on our members instead they would have a deal done by now and we could get on with the business of making the working conditions better at the two Stella's locations.

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