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UNW Action Update



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Nov 30, 2018

[UNW Orange Strong Contest!](#)

WSCC Financial Services Members



(Jonas Mamitag, Jacki Hardy, Julie Beckwith, Wendy Meyer)

The **ORANGE RUSH** has begun!!

We are having a blast on our first [Orange Rush Friday!](#)

Annnnd our winner is;

Jacki Hardy!!!!

Thank you to all those who submitted photos.

Congratulations Jacki, you have a gift card, please contact us to receive your prize at;

867-873-5668
or
unworangestrong@unw.ca

Keep wearing your **#UNWOrangeStrong** material or the colour **orange**, in support of **your** bargaining team for casual Friday's.

"The Mission of the Union of Northern Workers is to inspire, engage and empower workers and community through quality education, effective representation, model public service and political action."



Send us a photo by email to unworangestrong@unw.ca by 2:00 pm on Fridays to have your name entered in a random weekly draw for a chance to win a gift certificate from a local business who supports UNW workers.



Also don't forget to post and share your photos and tag us on one of your social media platforms with the following hashtags;

#MYUNW #UNWORANGESTRONG #UNWSOLIDARITY

What Members are Saying?

I am a relief worker and have been for the last five years. In that time I have been working full time hours and more often than not more than full time hours. I am told there is no need for an indeterminate full time position by my manager and yet I continue to work full time hours.

One of my biggest concerns as a relief employee is that there is no set schedule of when you go to work. I wait by the phone hoping to get a call to go to work. Balancing work and family with no regular schedule is difficult. I guess it is really a matter of patience, waiting by the phone hoping to get called into work. I need to earn a living, and often family time gets pushed back to ensure I get a paycheque.

I love my job, I take care of people and am happy to do it. But I am just getting tired of working without a set schedule and no pension.

I am a relief worker. I take care of you. Who's going to take care of me?

Named withheld by request

UNW Members!



Send us your messages of support to the bargaining teams. You can also send us anecdotes and short stories about how any of the outstanding bargaining issues affect you.

- Make sure to let us know your real name so we can confirm that you are a UNW member.
- We can post it as "anonymous" if you are concerned about retaliation or harassment, or we can use your name - let us know.
- If you want the message to target a specific group, let us know in your email.
- The UNW may post all or part of your message.
- Send your messages to: unworangestrong@unw.ca



The UNW understand the importance of supporting Local. We believe that Labour plus business equals stronger communities.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be asking Local Business across the NWT to support public service employees by putting a sticker or sign in their window.

In turn we will be keeping a business appreciation list which will be distributed to members to encourage you to support those who support us.

PSAC/UNW Training Dates and Locations



Training is available for all members!

“Union Representatives are entitled to Union Leave”

Community	Course	Date	Time	Location
Inuvik	PSAC Strike School	Friday, Nov 30	5:30 p.m.	Mackenzie Hotel
Inuvik	PSAC Strike School	Saturday, Dec 1	9:00 a.m.	Mackenzie Hotel
Fort Simpson	UNW Strike School	Thursday, Nov 29	6:00 p.m.	Nahanni Inn
Fort Simpson	UNW Your Union and Steward Course	Friday, Nov 1 to Saturday, Dec 2	9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days	Nahanni Inn
Fort Simpson	UNW Local Executive Training (for Local Executives ONLY)	Sunday, Dec 2 to Monday, Dec 3	8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days	Nahanni Inn
Fort Simpson	PSAC Strike School	Friday, Dec 7	5:30 p.m.	Nahanni Inn
	PSAC Strike School	Saturday, Dec 8	9:00 a.m.	Nahanni Inn
	PSAC Strike School	Saturday, Dec 8	1:00 p.m.	Nahanni Inn
Yellowknife	PSAC Preventing Violence in the Workplace	Friday, Dec 7 to Saturday, Dec 8	8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days	North Star Building
	Strike Training	Wednesday, Dec 19	6:00 p.m.	North Star Building

Complete list of dates, details and course registration forms can be found on our website at <http://www.unw.ca/calendar>

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Upcoming Local and Region Meeting Dates and Locations

Local	Date	Time	Location
Local 3050	Sunday, Dec 2	7:30 a.m. or 7:30 p.m.	Ekati Mine Site
NTPC Employees in Fort Smith	Monday, Dec 3	5:30 p.m.	Pelican Rapid Inn
Local 21	Monday, Dec 3	7:30 p.m.	Community Hall Arena
Local 10	Friday, Dec 14	5:30 p.m.	North Star Building

Complete list of dates and details can be found on our website at <http://www.unw.ca/calendar>

Questions regarding GNWT Mediation?

The UNW negotiator has reached out to the mediator for next available dates and our team will make themselves available. We are waiting to hear back.

All bargaining information is available [online](#)

[Essential Services Signed Agreements](#)

[Communique to Members re Essential Services](#)

[Potential Strike Q&A's \(updated Nov 18\)](#)

[Communique October 29, 2018](#)

[Communique October 27,2018](#)

[Major Outstanding Issues and Proposals](#)

[Job Action General Information.](#)

Your bargaining team:

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Todd Parsons	parsonst@unw.ca

Support Your Bargaining Teams!



It is important now more than ever to show support for your Bargaining Teams (GNWT, NTPC and Hay River Health and Social Services). Talk to your Local Executive and/or your Regional Vice President about getting high visibility union material. Stop by UNW Headquarters or one of our Regional Offices. We are using **NEON ORANGE** to represent support of the bargaining teams.

Change your Facebook banner to Support Your Bargaining Team. You can [send an email](#) to your MLA and ask them to support public service workers. Now is the perfect time.

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Solidarity with Canada Post Workers



The Northern Territories Federation of Labour will host a Day of Action in Yellowknife in support of Canada Post postal workers Saturday, December 1, 2018.

The event will be held at NWT MP Michael McLeod's office on 49 Street, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Come out **UNW ORANGE STRONG** to show your support and solidarity.

We want your photos!



We are looking to see our membership in action, email us at unworangestrong@unw.ca and here is some examples of what you can do;

1. Send us photos of you wearing Union merchandise.
2. Send us examples of how the high cost of living is effecting you in your community
3. Send us photos of you participating in Union activities such as Local Meetings, Strike Schools and coffee breaks
4. Tag us on your social media platform with the below hash tags;

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Strike/Information Captains Wanted!



Are you a member of the NTPC, HRHSSA or GNWT bargaining units and interested in becoming a Strike Captain?

If so contact your Local RVP

Deh Cho Region: holmanc@unw.ca - Locals 13,31

Somba K'e Region: thibauj@unw.ca-Local1,16,28,32,33,38

Hay River Region: obriend@unw.ca -Local 6,21,22

Fort Smith Region: armstrl@unw.ca -Locals 2,12

Beaufort Delta-Sahtu: kayotur@unw.ca -Locals 3,19,39,29

North Great Slave Region: daltons@unw.ca -Locals 9,10,11

or

Gayla Thunstrom, 1st Vice President at thunstg@unw.ca or

Nicole Tews, 2nd Vice President at tewsn@unw.ca

Melvin Larocque Equity Vice President at larocqm@unw.ca

Hay River Health and Social Services Authority Members

Conciliation for [Hay River Health](#) is scheduled for December 11 to 12. A meeting for members is being planned for early Dec-stay tuned for more information.

Your Bargaining Team is:

Heather Coakwell, President, Local 21

Becky Boden

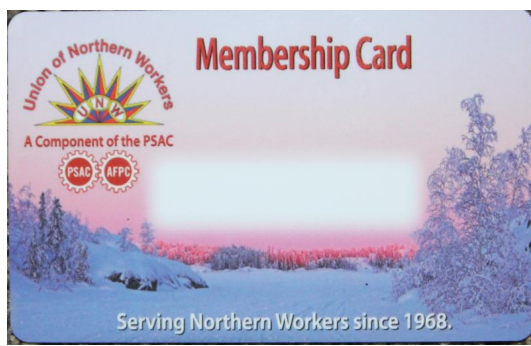
Barb Holland

Ann Schreuders

Anne Marie Thistle, Director of Membership Services, UNW

Gail Lem, Negotiator, PSAC

Have you signed your membership card?



This card is your key to great benefits and participation in your union!

1. If you have a UNW membership card, you're all set to take part in your union's affairs.
2. If you don't have your card, visit our website and fill out an [application form](#) today!
3. Allow 2 to 4 weeks for your UNW card to arrive. If you are a recent hire expect additional delays.
4. If you have inquiries please email mem@unw.ca.
5. Please let your co-workers know that they need to complete a membership application in order to become a full member of the Union. Get them to fill out an application form today!

It's your union. You can make it work better. Sign your card today!

How to follow your UNW Communication Team!

The easiest way to stay in the know on your Unions activities is to visit our [Website!](#) Check it regularly so you can see upcoming events, changes to Locals and updates on our current activities.

A great way to learn about events taking place in your union is through the Union of Northern Workers social media channels. [Twitter!](#) [Facebook page!](#) and introducing our [Instagram page!](#)

You can now find us on Twitter and Instagram at [@unw_nwt](#) where members and our supporters can follow and interact with union activities instantly.



The UNW Facebook group is a closed, central location where members can enjoy a safe environment to learn and discuss events and issues taking place within the union.

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Closed Group
Discussion
Members
Events
Photos
Files
Group Insights
Manage Group



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www.facebook.com/groups/UNWNWT

Membership Benefits



Matonabee Petroleum is pleased to partner with the UNW and offer the following fuel program to all card holding members:

- a fixed 6 cent discount off posted delivered furnace oil
- cardlock wholesale pricing locally and across Canada at Petro-Canada Super Pass locations for both gasoline and diesel

For more information [click here](#)

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