

Report to Regional Council – Jamey Mills Metro Vancouver

CUPW/CAW Rally at Library Square in Vancouver

-This event was well attended by many Union/Labour activists. The keynote speaker was Jack Layton. It was great to see so many PSAC members and staff supporting our Sisters and Brothers.

Attended many solidarity events and picket lines supporting CUPW members locked out by Canada Post.

Vancouver Area Council Executive meeting

-We met at an informal location, along with Erica Yang (YW) and Shawna Hall (Metro Alternate), to discuss upcoming Membership Engagement events, Labour Day, our AGM and potential Political Actions around the HST, civic/provincial elections and upcoming binding arbitration of other federal public sector unions.

National Public Service Week

-I assisted PSAC staff at the NPSW Trade Show at Robson Square. This gave us an opportunity to engage not just Government employees but also everyday citizens on how the issues, such as budget cutbacks, are affecting PSAC members and the services they provide throughout the region. As usual, our table and giveaways were very well received.

Vancouver and District Labour Council - Strike Support

-Attended picket lines at Rocky Mountaineer Train Station in support of Sisters and Brothers in the Teamsters Union who are locked out by their employer and have scab labour doing the job in their place.

-Supported members of UFCW 1518 who were locked out at the IGA Foods on Burrard Street.

No Cuts Rally –July- attended rally at supporting CEIU & PSAC members at the EI Call-centre on Hastings St. downtown Vancouver. Local Pres Colby Armstrong, REVP Bob Jackson and NDP MP (Burnaby North) Peter Julian were the guest speakers. A good number of members came on their lunch breaks to show how important the work we do is.

VDLC Labour Cabaret – I attended an event sponsored by the PSAC where Jon Fromer, “The soulful-est man in activist song” performed. Myself along with other PSAC members and staff greeted guests and encouraged them to sign a petition to protect public services. We also had many handouts which were made available to attendees.

Vancouver Area Council/YW Caucus – Membership engagement event

In August we coordinated over 50 PSAC members and guests to attend a Vancouver Canadians baseball game. Over half of the attendees were Young Workers. This opportunity saw many members attend that had never been to a union event before.

Besides having fun we had a great opportunity to discuss the HST referendum, cuts to public services and a potential provincial election. I would really like to thank the Agriculture Union for getting so many Young Workers out to this event.

Labour Day – although we did not have a table at this years' event I co-ordinated the event, partnered with a sister from COPE 378. The event was well received at its location this year at Robson Square.

Organizing – I have continued to work occasionally as a member organizer on the Heli-One campaign. We have continued to see gains in our drive and have focused on plant-gates and cold calls to employees' homes. I feel that with the increased number of cards we have received that success is in the near future.

EARN (Employee Action Rights Network) – I have continued to support this initiative of the B.C. Fed by soliciting the public at community events throughout the Lower Mainland. People now recognize the campaign as one that assists non-unionized workers with struggles against their employers. The campaign will soon begin a new phase called Better Choices in the fall of 2011.