



Local Presidents and Stewards Assemblies

PSAC – Ontario Region

To: All Stewards, Ontario Local/Branch Presidents, Ontario Caucus National Elected Officers (Component President, National Vice-President, Regional Vice- President), Regional Women's Committee Chairs, Area Council Presidents, Equity Seeking Committee Chairs, Ontario NAPC Representatives and Ontario Regional Council Members

The Harper government is providing Canadians with an absurd choice between strong public services and eliminating the deficit. Canadians should be able to expect a strong economy and a healthy social system – a just society built upon a foundation of strong public services for everyone.

Our Union is taking action by holding Stewards Assemblies across the Region to protect members' rights in the workplace against ongoing cuts to public services. PSAC intends to fight back against attacks to our collective bargaining rights by providing a forum for Local Presidents and Stewards to:

- network and build communications trees
- review the role of the Steward and engage new activists
- develop tools to support the work of the Steward within their locals
- review the Work Force Adjustment Appendix, where applicable

Engaging members within their Locals is essential to ensuring a strong Union voice in the workplace. But as Stewards, Local Presidents and Union representatives we must involve the larger community as well in our shared struggle to defend public services. These Assemblies will also provide members with an opportunity to

- develop plans to support PSAC's Fightback campaign
- support the PSAC Third Choice public engagement campaign
- obtain tools to lobby our elected representatives
- have a say in the future direction of our Union through a Members Plan
- sign-up and recruit for the petition campaign to protect public services

I will be attending each of the Stewards Assemblies across the Region and look forward to hearing from members directly. Let's work together to strategize on how best to defend our rights in the workplace.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sharon DeSousa'.

Sharon DeSousa, Regional Executive Vice President, Ontario
Public Service Alliance of Canada