



Day 1 Convention Bulletin

The 10th PSAC Ontario Triennial Convention officially convened today as delegates, guests, and observers from across the province came together under the theme "**Diversity is Our Strength.**"

The day began with a smudging ceremony and an opening led by Dorothy Peters, an Anishinaabe grandmother from Seine River First Nation. Delegates were then welcomed with a powerful performance by Red Sky Performance, whose contemporary Indigenous dance and performance set the stage for the convention ahead.



Remarks from Sharon DesSousa, PSAC National President



PSAC National President Sharon DeSousa delivered greetings stating the important role Ontario members continue to play within our union. Her remarks touched on the challenges facing our members today, including federal public service cuts, bargaining, Carney’s AI strategy, and the return-to-office mandate.

She also highlighted a major win for PSAC members this week after the Labour Board agreed to move the PA and CRA bargaining groups past the Public Interest Commission process, eliminating a lengthy and unnecessary delay on the path to a fair collective agreement.

She reminded delegates that the work being done in Ontario helps strengthen PSAC workers and communities across the country.

PSAC Ontario Regional Budget

The Finance Committee Report and the proposed 2026-2029 budget was presented and adopted.

Guest Speaker: Charles Chaboyer, Native Canadian Centre of Toronto

The first day concluded with reflections from Charles Chaboyer, an Ojibwe member of the Turtle Clan Dodem from Rainy River First Nations, who spoke about the importance of family, community, and staying connected to one another as we continue our work together.

