



President report

April 27, 2022

Office: The Manitoba Metis Federation had an engineer company come out to access our roof for snow load. We have not heard back from them yet. With losing the parking lot beside our building, we need to find new parking. We can get parking for the office across the street.

Budget Day: CUPE Manitoba President, Gina and I attended budget day. There was a lot of talk about healthcare improvements. Some of the improvements was putting back what they cut out when the PC first came into power, closing ER & ICU and closing and moving mental health beds. It was a lot of talk with no real action plan behind it. There was no guarantee about keeping healthcare public. I have concerns about privatization that can happen in health care we will need to keep an eye on that.

Health System Transformation: Selkirk Mental Hospital, Cadham Lab and Addictions Foundation of Manitoba transferred on April 1, 2022, to CUPE 204. We have sent a welcome email with application forms for them to fill out and once received we will get new member packages out to these group. Most of the other transformation that is taking place will transfer on April 29, 2022, moving from WRHA into Shared Health or moving them out of single employer into the WRHA organization. I have only heard so far of one member that has declined the transfer. That will cause a little ripple effect if she chooses to bump in that facility. We had one member that was deleted but has found a job within her building.

CUPE Unit Elections: Unit elections are about done. Thank you to everyone who let their name stand for re-election and congratulations to all for wanting to be a part of the team. I know it has been hard to get members to come out to the virtual meetings. The meeting sizes have not been that big but the conversations and questions from those that took the time to come have been very welcoming.

Bargaining: Monetary talks are still in progress. There has been a lot of back and forth with not a lot of movement on this second package. We are wanting to get a third party to come in and see if this will help. The update went out to the membership. There are a few subgroups working within the bargaining unit to get as much taken care of before it goes to mediation. There is a lot of mixed reviews as to what members want. At the same time strike preparation is still proceeding in the background. We will continue to bargain while all of this is taking place. The more we can get agreed to, the less we need a mediator to look at.

End of my report.