Report to the Atlantic Regional Council

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| **Group and Region Represented: Director for Francophone Members** | |
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| **Activities since the Last Meeting of the Regional Council** | |
| **Activity** | **Connection to my Role on the Council** |
| November 29 – Day spent lobbying MPs, Ottawa | Meeting with Rodger Cuzner, MP for Cape Breton-Canso |
| November 30 – Day spent lobbying MPs, Ottawa | Meeting with Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Public Services and Procurement |
| November 29 to December 3 – Ottawa | PSAC Leadership Training |
| December 6 – Conference call | PSAC-Atlantic Regional Council conference call |
| January 30 – Fredericton | 2018-2019 Budget, New Brunswick |
| February 17 – Moncton | Women in Leadership Gala hosted by the New Brunswick Federation of Labour. I was nominated by the PSAC-Atlantic Regional Council, and received the 2018 Women in Leadership Award. |
| February 19 – Interview | Interview with Francophone newspaper *Acadie Nouvelle* concerning the Gala on February 17 |
| February 28 – Conference call | Conference call with the PSAC-Atlantic Regional Women’s Committee |
| February 28 – Bathurst | Rally protesting the Phoenix pay system in Bathurst (morning) |
| February 28 – Moncton | Rally protesting the Phoenix pay system in Moncton (noon) |
| February 28 – Interview | Interview with Radio-Canada (French-language media) concerning the presentation of the federal budget and the Phoenix pay system |
| March 8 – Interview | International Women’s Day, interview with CJSE FM in Shediac (French-language radio station) on the *Parle-Parle Jase-Jase* phone-in talk show, which had an hour of programming on women’s issues |
| March 25-29 – Ottawa | PSAC National Bargaining Conference |
| April 3 – Conference call | Conference call with the PSAC-Atlantic Education Committee |
| April 4 – Fredericton | Meeting of the public sector unions, organized by CUPE NB |
| April 18 – Moncton | Launching of the Regional Women’s Committee in Moncton |
| April 19 – Moncton | Meeting with members of the USJE Local Executive in Moncton, with PSAC-Atlantic REVP |
| April 24 – Conference call | Conference call with the CLC Pay Equity Task Force |
| **Challenges Encountered since the Last Council Meeting** | |
| The greatest challenge is the Phoenix pay system, which continues to wreak havoc on our members. They are becoming increasingly frustrated and have lost confidence in everyone, including the union. Our members are in survival mode, which is making our work increasingly difficult.  I represent the members of the Miramichi Pay Centre, the satellite offices in Miramichi, Shediac, Moncton and Charlottetown, and the Shediac Pension Centre. The members are passing the buck back and forth instead of helping one another, as instructed by management. | |
| **Next Steps** | |
| Continue to work for all of our members in the Atlantic Region. The issue of official languages in the workplace is of ongoing concern for me, and I will keep applying pressure on our employers until our members feel at ease working and receiving training in the language of their choice. | |