**ENVIROMENT COMMITTEE**

**OF THE PSAC ATLANTIC COUNCIL**

**MANDATE AND PLAN**

**2018 – 2021**

This document was developed by the Environment Committee of the Public Service Alliance of Canada Atlantic Council. During the 2017 PSAC Atlantic Regional Convention a resolution was passed to create an Environment Committee under the structure of the Atlantic Council. The committee members are:

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The committee wanted to focus on three key pillars:

* Outreach and Advocacy
* Awareness and Education
* One (1) Day Forum

**MISSION STATEMENT:** To inspire awareness on environmental issues, advance knowledge, work with and strengthen our Union and our communities now and into the future, through environmental outreach and advocacy.

**COMMITTEE MANDATE:**

* To raise awareness and to provide education at the regional, provincial and community levels on environmental issues.
* To do outreach and advocacy on policy and political environmental issues at the municipal, provincial and national level; as well as, to make recommendations on environmental issues as appropriate.
* To make recommendations to the REVP – Atlantic and the Council on environmental and climate change issues in the Atlantic Region.
* To deal with environmental issues referred to the committee by the membership.
* To promote special days associated with the environment.
* To oversee local strategies that build membership awareness of environmental issues and the link between equity, the economy and the environment.
* To support the work of the Green Economy Network especially as it relates to the creation of good green jobs.
* To network with community groups who are working to respect and protect nature and who provide environmentally and economically sustainable solutions to preserve our climate.
* To organize, in conjunction with the Atlantic Health and Safety Conference, a one- day environment forum. The forum will deal with advancing environmental awareness, promoting environmental outreach at the Local level, facilitate outreach with community organizations and will encourage environmental advocacy.
* To support social and environmental justice.

**SPECIAL DAYS:**

March 3 - World Wildlife Day

March 22 - International Day of Forests

March 22 - World Water Day

April 21 - Earth Day

April 26 - International Seed Day

May 22 - International Day for Biological Diversity

June 8 - World Oceans Day

July 21 - Canada Parks Day

September 15 - International Coastal Cleanup Day

November 21 - World Fisheries Day

The Committee recognizes that this is a living document. Therefore, this document will be reviewed at every committee meeting. PSAC Atlantic members are welcome to contact the Environment Committee through the PSAC Atlantic Regional Executive Vice – President’s Office.