**ATLANTIC REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE**

**FEBRUARY 27, 2018 (7:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M. ATLANTIC TIME)**

*Present: Mike LeBlanc, Roger Duffy, Heather Ford, Bill Kroeger, Wayne Kelley, Leanne Moss, Colleen Coffey and Sébastien Bezeau*

1- Review Terms of Reference

Many suggestions were presented by Colleen and were all adopted by the committee unanimously. It was also agreed that the terms of reference is a ‘live’ document and can be amended at any given time.

2-Budget

Colleen gave background information on what was formerly known as the Political Action Budget and explained that the committee didn’t have any control over the budget therefore they didn’t have to draft one. However, she did mention that if the committee develops campaign proposals that she would try to find resources from various sources and pointed out that when PSAC develops national campaigns that funding is usually available to be utilized in the region.

3-Yearly Political Campaigns/Activities

Sébastien gave an overview of the various ‘PSAC Designated Days’ that the committee can focus their attention to such as: Day of Mourning, May Day, National Public Service Week, Pride, Labour Day and National Day of Remembrance & Action on Violence Against Women.

4-Other Campaigns

Colleen provided updated on the following PSAC Campaigns: Phoenix, Anti-Privatization, 10 Paid Days of Domestic Violence Leave and Child Care.

Sébastien also reminded the committee that the provincial elections in New Brunswick will be taking place September 24, 2018.

There was a general discussion about the various possible campaigns that the committee could work on. It was agreed that a plan would be developed when the committee meets in person at the upcoming Council meeting.