Report to the PSAC Atlantic Regional Council

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| **Name: Wayne Kelley** | **Date:**  June 2018 |
| **Constituency (area, equity, etc.): Atlantic** | |
| **Director for GLBT members** | |
| **Activities since the last Regional Council meeting** | |
| **Activity** | **How it fulfilled my role on the Regional Council** |
| **Nov 17 2017**  Atlantic Council Meeting /Retreat  Old Orchard Inn Wolfville | This was an introduction to new members on Regional Council. The Retreat included a demonstration in the History of Indigenous Drums and drum making. |
| **Nov 20 2017**  Transgender Day of Remembrance  Acadia University | I attended this event with Sister Rhonda Doyle Le Blanc  . It was a great event with many readings and also the Ceremony for those Trans members that were killed in Canada in the past year. Both Rhonda and I had the opportunity to say a few words at this event. |
| **Nov 20 2017**  Halifax Human Rights Committee Teleconference | This was general meeting to select executives. The meeting was also important because we were getting organized for Human Rights Day. The members chose to participate in a way to help others in the Halifax area. We will join together as one to feed the hunger and to give to the under privilege as well. |
| **Nov 30 2017**  PSAC Leadership Training | The course and training offered a variety of workshops that used self -directed learning. The themes were of communicating with members, member engagement and mobilization; pronouncing equity, human rights and inclusion. |
| **Dec 4-5 2017**  National Human Rights Committees Conference in Ottawa | This was the first National Human Rights meeting that included the introduction of new members that were voted in at their Regional Conventions. It was time to plan and strategize and make commitments for the next term. |
| **Dec 12 2017**  Halifax Human Rights Committee Meeting | We used the time before this meeting to get our parcels together to keep the homeless warm. The parcels included hats minutes scarfs or gloves with a few treats as well. The remaining time was used to do other planning and set time of up coming events in the area. |
| **Dec 18 2017**  Souls Harbour Meal Event | The Halifax Human Rights Committee cooked up a spaghetti meal for the homeless and for the hungry. There was lots of work for all members to do that attended to help. |
| **Jan 3 2018**  CLC Pharamacare campaign | I sent a letter to my MP Colin Fraser to create a National Pharmacare Program and ensure that millions of Canadians without coverage get the coverage that they need and deserve. |
| **Jan 13-14 2017**  Respectful Workplace /Anti-Harassment | A training program that helps build respectful workplace and prevent harassment. The program had emphasis on Provincial and National Policies and Acts that help with and monitors laws within the workplace. It was a great course and the facilitator was Sister Nancy and she did a wonderful job and kept all members engaged. |
| **Feb 6 2018**  PSAC/ CLC Lobby Day  Ottawa | I was one of 300 members of the Canadian Labour Movement representatives that lobbied on Parliament Hill with MP’s Senators and Federal Ministers to discuss Pharmacare, Pay Equity, Employment Insurance and Retirement Insurance. |
| **Feb 1 2018**  Halifax Human Rights Committee Meeting | Agenda items were brought forward discussed and plans for the up and coming Equity events and National PSAC Conference was discussed and Resolutions were also on the Agenda and open for discussion. |
| **Feb 24 2018**  The Coldest Night of the Year | Annapolis Valley Labour Council Fund Raisers walked from Kentville to New Minas and return to raise funds for and to make awareness for local charities serving the hungry, the homeless and hurting families as well as helping youth in local communities. The AVLC raised $1025 with the help of Union Locals including PSAC Atlantic and UNDE 80403. |
| **Feb 27 2018**  Political Action Committee Teleconference | We started the Teleconference by introducing ourselves on the call. Brother Sebastien set the tone of the call and we got right into the Yearly Political Campaigns and Activities and reviewed the PSAC Designated Days calendar. The members on the call all had input and suggestions of events happening in our regions. The Council members as well as Brother Sebastien discussed other Campaigns including The Phoenix Pay System, Provincial Elections in New Brunswick and also the Anti Privatization Campaign. |
| **March 15 2018**  Petition Signature on action on Phoenix Pay System | I signed the petition to the Prime Minister to call for urgent action on Phoenix Pay System. I took this message to my workplace and had other members send a message as well to the Prime Minister office. |
| **March 26-29 2018**  National Bargaining Conference in Ottawa | I attended this Conference as PSAC Equity Rep and an employee in the SV group. I was happy and honoured to participate in two Rallies while I was in the Capital, one at the Prime Ministers office on the Phoenix Pay debacle. The other one was at Carleton University for Cupe Local 2424. |
| **April 24 2018**  PSAC /GLBT National Working Group Teleconference | GLBT National Directors joined together and followed the Agenda. Sister Tara set the tone for the conference including discussing International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia May 17. We also discussed the Gender inclusive washroom brochure. We chatted about a planned Trans video as well. |
| **April 11 2018**  PSAC Atlantic Human Rights teleconference | The Teleconference got started with introductions of Directors for members, PSAC staff and REVP on the line. Monique and Terry set the tone for the teleconference and the Agenda was adopted. The selection of the new alternate chairperson (Neville David). Joey Dunphy was absent but will share at a later date a report on Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. Discussion of Equity and Human Rights calendar and update to our 3  year plan. Colleen addressed the funding requirements for committees and also Pride funding including swag. I brought forward the 2021 Census and status to include sexual orientation and gender identity. Michelle discussed a draft for accessibility Legislation that Lori Walton is putting together for the future and to brought forward and shared with HR committee. She also discussed the PEI Childcare Campaign event in May/June. Neville David is happy to be back on committee and thanked everyone to have him as co -chair. Terry adjourned the teleconference and wished all well. |
| **April 13 2018**  NSFL/ARHR Committee meeting 3700 Kempt Road Halifax | The meeting was to be held at NSGEU building Dartmouth but was changed to NSFL chambers as it became available. This was a fulfilled day committee work and my report has already been passed on to the Atlantic REVP. |
| **April 26 2018**  Discussion with Brother Tim Hughes | I had a discussion with Tim Hughes regarding Social Justice Fund for the future. Tim Hughes is a retired PSAC member and a volunteer rep for LGBTQ+ Youth in the Annapolis Valley. I will keep in touch with Brother Tim Hughes and will also keep in touch with Atlantic REVP as I hope to have Brother Tim as a guest speaker at AVLC monthly meeting in the future. |
| April 28 2018  AVLC Day of Mourning Ceremony  Memorial Park at the AVLC monument  Kentville NS | The Day of Mourning Ceremony was held at Memorial Park with myself as Master of Ceremony. The Agenda was complete with guest speakers including a Speaker from the Threads of Life Bureau Nicole Beck whose life was changed in 2004 by a workplace tragedy. A moment of silence was adhered to and laying of wreaths followed towards the end of ceremony. A reception of fellowship was held following the ceremony at 362 Main Street Kentville. |
| **Challenges you had to cope with since the last meeting?** | |
| I had no real challenges during this term and continue to do work and attend events as Director on Council for members. | |
| **What would you like to work on next?** | |
| I would like to continue doing great work and being vigilant for PSAC Atlantic and Pride members as well. Pride parades are right around the corner and I hope to be able to attend many this summer. | |