



The C.U.P.E. Connection

Summer 2006: Inside: Spring Banquet Photos and more

President's Message: Thanks for the support



I would like to thank the members for the opportunity to be your president. Our union is very important to me, yes we have our issues but you can be assured that all members are equal and there is no group or individual that is more important, collectively we can find resolve to any issue.

You all as members have an important role in our union, I look at the old photos in our hall and I'm reminded of all the CUPE local 30 members that started building this great city and our union.

What we now receive is due to all of their efforts, we now are the members adding our efforts to our communities and to our union for the members and citizens of the future.

I encourage all members to challenge yourselves to your role, you don't have to become a shop steward or elected officer to be active. Be yourself, participate in the general meetings, fourth Wednesday of every month at 4:30 in our hall

I have been very busy in the office and attending many meetings, but I am still committed to the job site visits that I said I would do. With as many sites that we have in the five bargaining units, I hope to see your work sites twice a year. I look forward to the changes and the challenges we will face together. In solidarity, *Dennis Mol*



Swearing in of the new CUPE Local executive happened at the general meeting in June. Pictured left to right are: President Dennis Mol, Trustee Dennis Henderson, General VP Epcor Dennis Jeffery, General VP NorthInads Gerry Simard, Chief Shop Steward Rick Ewashko, Chief Shop Steward James McGuinness, Chief Shop Steward Transpotation, Terry Jardine, Treasurer Neil Ketler, Chief Shop Steward Mike Scott, Chief Shop Steward John Anderson. Missing from picture GVP Civic Kirk Oates



2006 Spring Retirement Banquet & Shop Stewards Appreciation Night



CUPE Local 30 honoured recent retirees from various departments across the city during the Annual Spring Banquet. The impressive list of 27 folks hanging up the hat this year have given the city well over 500 years of service. Those attending the evening surpassed 300 years.

MLAs, Edmonton councilors, CUPE Alberta dignitaries and Local 30 members were on hand to say thanks for the hard work and dedication over the years .



Gordon Bedard, Koos Belder, Rudolfo Borrelli, Vern Cook, James Davies, Elgin Erickson, Roger Fithen, Ralph Garrity, Gabriele Guidoccio, Herbert Herzog, Len Hughes, Ross Janus, Partick Jenkins (recently deceased), Mohamed Kadri, Ronald Kalke, Ruth Klenke, Bob Koprowski, Mel Link, Dale Philips, Philp Robinson, Robert, Schreyer, Ron Wilson, Brian, Woida, Anastasios Xenos, Dennis Yachimec, Bev Young, Janina Zachemka. Happy Retirement from Local 30

RIDE ALONG WITH ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES SPECIAL CONSTABLE TANIA JACKNISKY

This summer I had the pleasure of meeting CUPE Local 30 Sister Tania Jacknisky who works as a Special Constable with Bylaw Services. To get a better understanding of the work that is performed by the members in Bylaw Services by doing a ride along with Tania.

Tania and I headed out for our first call in the Terwillegar area to respond to a barking dog complaint. On the drive over to the location, she informed me that there was about eighty (80) items on her to do list which are categorized in priority. She also told me of the various types of animals that they as Animal Control Officers have to deal with ranging from domestic pets including reptiles to wildlife. She added that they work along with the Edmonton Humane Society when dealing with animal abuse cases.

Once we arrived at the location, Tania began filling out the paper work required to give the home owner a warning about the complaint. Along with the written warning, Tania also had brochures to give to the home owner in regards to the bylaws pertaining to owning a dog within the city.

After the first assignment there was a complaint about a dog off leash in a field near a school which was directly across the street from our location. The complaint was that the dog owner was not picking up after the dog. Here we sat and observed the field from the school parking lot to see if the dog and its owner made an appearance in the field. While keeping an eye on the field, Tania entered data into her computer in regards to the last location, and also about our observation of the field to which we were unsuccessful of finding any law breakers.

Next we are off to pick up a stray dog found by a citizen in the Belgravia area. Here Tania talks to the citizen and ensures them that everything will be done in order to find the owners, and that the dog, which was a Yorkie, will be examined by the vet techs at the pound to make sure that the dog is in good health. When we arrive at the pound, the stray is taken to the techs where it is photographed and gets checked to see if it has an ear tattoo or a micro chip for identification. After this process, Tania and Niki, one of the techs, fill out the documentation of where and when the stray was found and also the condition of the dog at the time of pick up.

Tania gave then gave me a tour of the pound and introduced me to her co workers at this facility, and then we went to the administration building that she and her fellow officers' work out of, which also houses the dispatcher and other co workers.

While at the dispatchers' office, we were informed that another officer had been dispatched to a house in North Edmonton where the officer had found three (3) dead kittens and a dead dog inside the house where he had to put on a "haz mat" suit in order to protect himself from any air born hazards that may be infectious and hazardous to his health.

After the tour of the two facilities, we headed out to the Lassard area to pick up another stray, and went through the same process again as we did for the first stray. During the return trip to the pound, Tania informed me of a time when she was assaulted by a home owner when she went to investigate a complaint about excessive defecation. The resident had grabbed Tania by the arm, but she was able to get away and get to her unit and lock the doors, at which time she called for back up from a fellow officer, who made a citizens arrest. The police were called, and the citizen was charged with assault. As it turned out, the person who called in the complaint had given the dispatcher the wrong address.

Now, it's off to court. Tania and I make a beeline down town to the law courts building where we meet up with two other constables, Heather Peters, & Ryan Cammidge. While waiting for court to re convene, I was fortunate enough to be able to hear some interesting stories about the every day activities of these constables. On this day all three were there to give evidence in regards to owners not having their dogs licensed. All three charges were up held and the owners of the dogs were found guilty and fined \$250.00 or four (4) days in jail.

This concluded my day on the job with Tania. I would like to thank Brother John Anderson for arranging the ride along for me. And also "Thank you Tania", for sharing with me, your experiences and knowledge as a Special Constable. *Terry Jardine*



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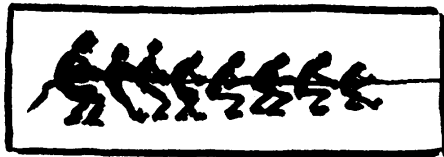
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**We wish all the best to our
Brothers and Sisters
Speedy Recovery!**

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With Sincere Sympathy

**We wish to express our deepest
Sympathy to our Brothers and Sisters
who have recently lost a loved one:**

Jerry Larson * Bill Quilty
Norm Kerychuk * Vic Demers
Joe Bruno * Phang Tham
Jerry Ewasiuk * Joe Chiarello
Robert Finlayson

The Family of:

Brother Patrick Jenkins

Up-Coming Events

**AFL 100th Birthday Celebration Sept 2nd
EDLC Labour Day Bar-B-Que Sept 4th
Shop Stewards Meeting 2nd Monday of every month
General Meeting 4th Wed of every month
Children's Christmas Party December Date TBA**

I recently had the pleasure of running for the executive body. While I didn't win the election, I'd like to thank all those who supported me. But even more important I'd like to thank those that got out and voted. Whether you voted for me or not, it's not important. The fact you took the time to cast a vote for the candidate of your choice is what matters. We had around 400 such members that voted, thank you. But we also had around 1800 that didn't. That is the sorry spot in the election. With so many issues on the table for all the candidates I personally expected a higher turnout. This is a issue that we have to address at the next election. 400 out of 2200 is poor to say the least. What can we as Local 30 do to get the membership out to the polls. Any ideas that the membership have we would like to hear. One last comment , I'd like to say congrats to my opponent, Neil Kettler who will once again be our treasurer. Neil ran a classy campaign and was a great winner. If I had any doubts about Neil, they don't exist any more. I know from dealing with him during the election that his resolve to the duties as treasurer is firm. And more important, his dedication to the members is strong. Good luck to Neil and the rest of the new executive body. In Solidarity, Tom Barbaric