

CUPE Alberta 56th Annual Convention; Local 30 Notes



CUPE Local 30 was in Fort McMurray for the 56th annual CUPE Alberta convention.

Highlights from the convention that wrapped up this past weekend:

- CUPE National President Paul Moist and National Secretary-Treasurer Claude Généreux toured Fort McMurray's aging water treatment plant this Thursday morning along with Alex Grimaldi and Kirk Oates.
- Paul Moist noted that in Edmonton, Local 30 continues to deal with a razor thin council that flirts with privatization. Moist noted that the Local has won two recent fights against privatization of city assets.
"We must be doing something right, because the right wing mayor isn't talking to the local president," said Moist. "I say, Alex (Grimaldi, President of CUPE 30) wear that like a badge."



- NDP Leader Brian Mason made a passionate plea to CUPE delegates to work with his party to bring about change in Alberta. "Let's work together for dignity for our seniors, for the rights of working people, and for the public health care system" said Mason.



Elections were held for a number of positions on the CUPE Alberta executive.

Local 30 is well represented on the executive with Kirk Oates receiving the bid for Edmonton VP and Terry Jardine was named 3 year Trustee.

The photo contest which had several submissions from Local 30 saw a very touching photo from Edmonton Paramedic Jason Jolson. The winning picture, of Jolson's co-workers in full dress uniform at a memorial for RCMP officers killed in Mayerthorpe.

CUPE Local 30 steward from the Valley Zoo, Gary McInnis won in the category CUPE at work for his picture of Jackie Buck feeding Lucy the Elephant. Gary was also runner up in the lighter side of CUPE for his picture of the Sea Lion being told "To watch your step" The pictures and comments can be viewed at CUPE Alberta's website.

<http://www.alberta.cupe.ca/08events/photocontest2006.htm>

All in all it was a very productive convention. CUPE Local 30 looks forward to the 2007 convention in Medicine Hat.