

# UNW

## Action Update



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### Message from the President

Hello members,

It has been a busier summer than usual as we prepare for our UNW Triennial Convention in October.

I was happy to sit down with Local presidents who contributed to our annual Local Presidents' Meeting over the weekend of July 8 and 9. We heard thoughts from representation all over the North and this is something I welcome whenever I have the opportunity. A free flow of communication between our Locals and General Membership is critical for our union.

I am also looking forward to meeting and talking with members during our joint GNWT/NTPC membership bargaining updates over the duration of the summer. Please watch our website for [Events](#) taking place in your region or community and share the information with a friend!

Until next time,

Todd Parsons  
President, UNW



August 1, 2017

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"The Mission of the Union of Northern Workers is to inspire, engage and empower workers and community through quality education, effective representation, model public service and political action."

UNW Members  
Discounts

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Clothes That Work.

### UNW News

#### Bargaining Highlights

Please stay tuned to the [Bargaining Updates](#) section of the website.

[GNWT](#) and [NTPC](#)

The UNW issued two Bargaining Communiques last month to update members on collective agreement negotiations with the GNWT and NTPC.

- [GNWT Bargaining Communiqué](#)
- [NTPC Bargaining Communiqué](#)

## Joint GNWT and NTPC Bargaining Update Meetings



Several joint member bargaining update meetings have been scheduled for the remainder of the summer. President Todd Parsons, left, and 1st VP Gayla Thunstrom, right, will be in attendance to answer your questions.

Please see the [Events calendar](#) or [Bargaining Updates](#) pages on our website for more details.

Posters can also be printed and shared on your union bulletin boards for the following communities:

- [Norman Wells](#) - Mon. August 14 at the Heritage Hotel at 7 p.m
- [Inuvik](#) - Tues. August 15 at the Mackenzie Hotel at 7 p.m.
- [Fort Simpson](#) - Thurs. August 31 at the Nahanni Inn at 5:30 p.m.
- [Fort Smith](#) - Wed. September 6 at the Pelican Rapids Inn at 7 p.m.

Thank you to members who have attended the meetings so far and who have offered feedback. Your participation matters!

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### UNW Membership Engagement Survey

Thank you to the respondents of our first surveys on UNW Training and Education and Communications. Over the coming months, we will be periodically sending more surveys out to members.



A survey about UNW Member Engagement will be soon available.

Please watch for it and share with union colleagues and coworkers.

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### Local Presidents' Meeting 2017



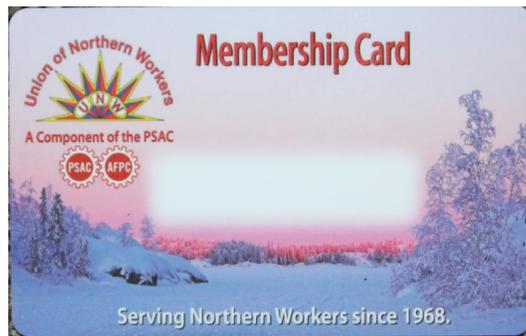
Thanks to the participants of this year's Local presidents' meeting, which took place July 8 and 9 at the UNW North Star Building. To see some photos from the event, please visit our [photo gallery](#).

Since 2002, Local presidents have met annually to network and share common concerns. It is comprised of the Presidents (or their designates) of all the Locals of the UNW.

Many thanks to all those who made it a successful weekend.

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### **Have you signed your membership card?**



**This card is your key to great benefits and participation in your union!**

1. If you have a UNW membership card, you're all set to take part in your union's affairs.
2. If you don't have your card, visit our website and fill out an [application form](#) today!
3. Allow 2 to 4 weeks for your UNW card to arrive.
4. If you have enquiries, contact Valisa Aho at [mem@unw.ca](mailto:mem@unw.ca).

**It's your union. You can make it work better.  
Sign your card today!**

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**UNW 17th Triennial Convention**

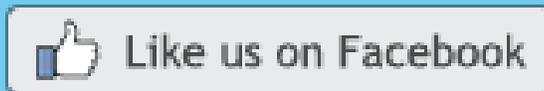


The UNW 17th Triennial Convention is just around the corner!

The event is being held at the Chateau Hotel in Yellowknife Oct. 27 to 29, 2017.

Please continue to watch the [Convention page](#) for more updates!

### Join the UNW Facebook Group



For updates on what is happening at the UNW, please join our [Facebook page](#)! The UNW Facebook group is a closed, central location where members can enjoy a safe environment to learn and discuss events and issues taking place within the union.

### Regulations and Bylaws

#### Regulation Part 2 - Position Papers of the UNW - Human Rights - Section 3 A

*In coming issues of "Action Update", we will be highlighting sections of the UNW Regulations and Bylaws to assist the membership. With NWT Pride taking place Aug. 10 to 13, this month we will be focusing on UNW Regulation Part 2 - Position Papers of the UNW-Human Rights- Sub-section 3 A.*

To learn more about the UNW [Regulations](#) or [Bylaws](#), please visit our website.

The UNW has a long history of supporting Human Rights initiatives as outlined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and the Canadian Human Rights Act. The five-part regulation commits the UNW to championing people who may be disadvantaged and fighting against discrimination based on "age, race, colour, sex, gender identity, marital status, family status, religion, national or ethnic origin, disability, sexual orientation, language, political belief, union activity or criminal record."

The regulation further states that combating discrimination will be done through education, collective bargaining, monitoring employer behaviour, lobbying for legislation, and working with community groups with similar approaches.

### Service Corner

**Welcome Avery!**



Avery Parle, a devoted union member has accepted a term position as Service Officer until December at UNW headquarters. While Avery is in this position, he has stepped back from his Local Executive duties. In the new role, he will provide assistance to members and correspond with human resources on behalf of members. Should you wish to reach him, please call 873-5668 ext. 236 or send an email at Stp3@unw.ca.

Please join us in welcoming Avery to our team.

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## In the Community

### Local 6 donates to Hay River Soup Kitchen



Since the spring, Local 6 in Hay River has made two financial donations to the Hay River Soup Kitchen - an organization that supplies Hay River and the surrounding area with regular meals, snacks, food hampers and other items to the less fortunate throughout the year.

The Local gave \$2,500 for a barbecue with supplies for outdoor cooking as it is often too hot inside the building to provide meals and snacks for clients. The funding also went to the purchase of an office centre (printer/fax/etc) to help with communications for fundraising.

The Local also provided \$5,000 for needed upgrades to the facility, which included stabilizing the foundation, fixing leaks in the ceiling and addressing health codes set by the Health Inspector.

According to "Local Executive Manual 6.2 Communication" a good way to build community and improve the UNW's ability to help regions throughout the NWT is by providing donations. Thank you Local 6!

## Canada Day with the UNW

Locals with the UNW marked Canada Day 150 in style in a number of communities throughout the North.



At Local 2 in Fort Smith (above), members celebrated with a decorated Canada Day truck. A reported 675 jumbo freezies were given out during the day's festivities.

Meanwhile, Local 39 participated in one of the largest Canada Day parades ever in the Town of Norman Wells (below).



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