

MESSAGES OF SUPPORT

15 November 2018

UNW Family,

I have spent a considerable amount of time reviewing my finances, and the difference between my cost of living (Yellowknife) increase over the last three years and the GNWT offered pay increase equals a net loss of \$9,367. Put another way, I have had \$3,122 less purchasing power, year after year, than I did three years ago. I am working more hours and delivering results, but in the end, I am suffering a huge net loss.

At the same time, politicians have given themselves "tied to cost of living" salary increases. They spend on infrastructure beyond reason so that a few big-business friends, or "down south" businesses, can roll in hundreds of millions of dollars.

Every Christmas season, NWT businesses plead with me to purchase local. Why do I not hear them pleading with the politicians to give UNW members equitable pay increases?

It's time for UNW members to send a clear message:

- Prepare for a strike by buying only the absolute essentials this Christmas season.
- Purchase only at NWT businesses that clearly and publicly support UNW members.

Signed

UNW Member

Named withheld by request, for fear of retaliation on member and their family.
