

CUPE Nova Scotia Central Area VP Report

Preparing this report has given me a chance to review and reflect on the past year in Nova Scotia and CUPE. It's been a busy year for union activists, lots happening in the Union world, but also elections at all 3 levels of government in NS.

During the summer, I joined fellow CUPE members at the Truro and Halifax Pride parades. I met with the Workers Action Center and supporters to call out tip theft for workers. I also took part in our 3 day executive meeting in July, and we were part of a large rally for Healthcare when the provincial premiers met at the Westin Hotel in Halifax during that time.

Together with Ty Loppie, we set up our CUPE tent at the Halifax Labour Day event, giving out swag, and sharing the efforts of CUPE workers we encounter every day. I was also asked to sit on our scholarship In early October I participated in our exec meeting, and my first all committees meetings. There were many great workshops, and I serve as liaison to the Education committee, where they developed a plan for action for the year. Later in October, I attended Dollars and cents at the Halifax Convention Centre, the first financial focussed conference of its kind in CUPE.

In November, several of us from the Executive attended the 25th Gala for the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives at Mount St. Vincent. I also attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at Point Pleasant Park, laying a wreath on behalf of CUPE NS. The Education committee met again in December and January, and the Executive met for 3 days in December.

In early February I attended a workshop put on by the OHS servicing rep at CUPE regional office. I was one of several CUPE exec members who attended the African Nova Scotia Black history month Gala at MSVU, including several members of local 5479, Paladin Security. On Feb. 25 I represented Nan and CUPE at a rally supporting the 25 janitors who will lose their jobs because of contracting out. On the 18th I participated in an online for o

April opened with 3 days of Executive meetings in New Glasgow. Mid month I attended the AGM for the Early Childhood Educators via zoom. On the 28th, I joined Nan at Province House to lay a wreath for the International Day of mourning for Workers. The federal election on April 28 also meant mobilizing members to get out to the polls and vote.

Our Executive has met several times by zoom as well, and regular chat group and email discussions to deal with items between meetings.

In addition, I attended the NS School Board Council Of Unions AGM in November, and was Communications chair on the Local 5047 strike committee.

Through all of these meetings and activities, I've met CUPE members from across the country, who are all doing their best to build stronger locals in the area. They've shared many experiences and reports, and sharing that knowledge has been empowering.

It's been a busy year, and my privilege to serve as VP for the Halifax area.

Respectfully submitted,
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