



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 6

OPS Stewards
Assembly 6 p.m.
Peterborough
OPSEU Office

January 17 & 18

Stand Up for Public
Services and Tax
Fairness Campaign
Place and
Time:TBD

January 31

Peterborough Area
Council Meeting 6
p.m. Peterborough
Regional Office

Peterborough
Regional Office
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The PAC ADVOCATE

The newsletter for OPSEU Peterborough Service Area Council activists

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OPSEU united in Peterborough

As of November 1, 2011, the interim PAC, Peterborough Area Council, has eleven members from 8 different locals.

Interim elections were held on November 1st. The results are as follows: Chair: Judith Richardson, Local 345; Vice-Chair Laurie Sabourin, Local 368; Secretary: Stacey Tomblin, Local 309; and Treasurer: Charity Livingstone, Local 308.

Article 22 of the OPSEU, Ontario Public Service Employees Union, Constitution allows area councils to be formed.

The purpose of the council is to coordinate Union activities on a Regional basis. We collaborate on such issues as political action, community involvement, social issues, participation in or co-operation with labour councils, education, and public relations.

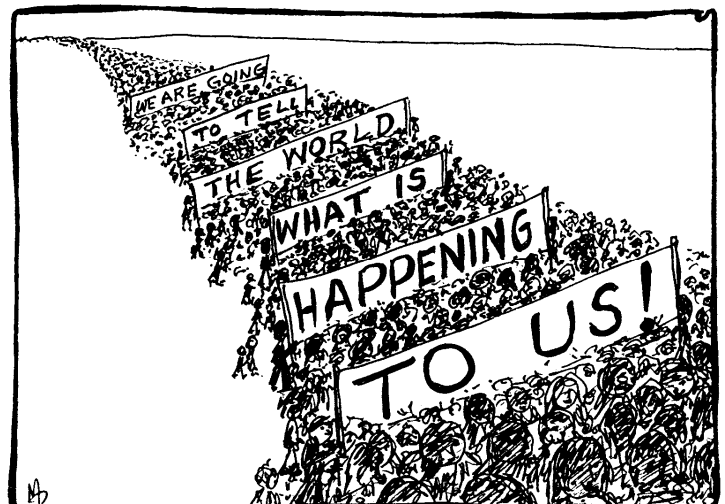
It is our goal to unite OPSEU locals within the Peterborough service area, to focus on common issues, and optimize the communications and resources of all affected locals. Since we have the ability to submit resolutions to regional meetings and conventions, we are

empowered to improve the service of this member-driven organization.

OPSEU will rebate to locals the dues to area councils at 90 per cent.

“At such a minimal cost, there is no reason why a local should forego this opportunity to address the social issues facing our public sector members.” said interim Chair, Judith Richardson. “Peterborough has over twenty locals that have the advantage of a united power of all OPSEU locals in the area to affect political, economic, and effective change for our workers.”

Next meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2012 at the new location of the Peterborough Regional Office, 1840 Lansdowne Street West, Unit 12, Peterborough, K9J 6X4. ☺



'Demolition Don' hits public services in Ontario



As a member-driven union we voted to address the governments limited review of public services by "The Drummond Commission". It is time to raise questions for consideration, including how a full assessment of public services can happen, without the voices of the people who use them and the workers who deliver them. We need a clear way to set various priorities associated with all OPSEU sectors, as well as, broader issues such as tax fairness.

OPSEU met with Don Drummond, past Senior Vice President and Chief Economist of

the TD Bank, on December 1st. Warren (Smokey) Thomas, OPSEU President communicated our concerns about the government's limited review assigned to his Commission. Too many closed door meetings.

Judy Wasylycia-Leis from the Public Services Foundation of Canada has joined OPSEU in this fight. Along with other communities across the province, Peterborough will be hosting a town hall meeting on January 17 & 18 at a place to be determined. ☺

For more information: <http://www.opseu.org/news/press2011/december-01-2011.htm>

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What's the solution to Ontario's economic problems?

In Ontario, 400,000 people are forced to use food banks every month and 15 per cent of children are growing up in poverty. Entire communities don't have safe drinking water. There are 200,000 fewer young people working in Canada today than two years ago.

The best solution is to invest in the programs and infrastructure we need and put money in people's pockets so they can live decently. That's what will grow the economy and create the good jobs we need.

There are other ways to create good jobs, too. Government could do more to match qualified workers to tens

of thousands of job vacancies that go unfilled. Literacy training, better employment standards and easier unionization would help workers improve their lives and build their buying power. And that would strengthen local economies. ☺

