

**REPORT OF THE
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This is my report of my activities from September 1, 2016 to March 10, 2017.

At the UMCC in mid-September, Brother Tony Tilley was on the conference call in order to deal with issues that arose during his visit in August when he met with some members from First Nations and Inuit Health, that was not scheduled, to hear their many concerns.

In September, I attended the PSAC Human Rights Meeting in Ottawa with a focus on accountability of newly elected government, Domestic Violence in the Workplace and the unmoving state of the collective bargaining process.

The National Council Meeting was in Montreal in the last week of September. An in-camera session was held on the merger proposal. Phoenix issues, our upcoming Triennial Convention in Halifax and the RVP Handbook were major discussions.

At the Vancouver UMCC, I made the Committee members aware of the NHU and UEW possible merger, with local members across the country casting their votes by the middle of December. Brother Tony Tilley and I attended the AGM in Vancouver with a good turn out and unanimous support for the merger.

On December 12th, the Edmonton Local held its AGM, with Brother Tilley attending, and again support for the merger was unanimous. Congratulations to the two newly elected local officer for Diversity and the Secretary. With the coming years, we need new activists to move us forward.

At the UMCC in December, we discussed about having another Joint Learning Session for early in the new year and the many problems with Phoenix that has affected many members and even unrepresented employees.

January brought the Special Council Meeting of Health and Environment Workers in Montebello Quebec. Decisions were made and a wonderful environment was established to carry on the work of our new Component.

Brother Todd Panas attended the UMCC with us in January and spoke about the Respect Campaign which I hope that Health and PHAC endorse and practice.

A huge thank you to Brother Tony Tilley for all that he has done to bring us to this point and to continue as UHEW putting members first! I look forward to working with all members of UHEW and all the staff in this next chapter of the best Component in PSAC with the guidance of Brother Todd Panas.