

**REPORT OF THE
REGIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT
SCOTIA-FUNDY
Robert Ellis**

This Report covers the period from September 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank, on behalf of the Locals that make up the Scotia Fundy Region, and myself, all staff at the UHEW National office for the excellent support and work that they continue to provide.

Due to the cost of translation my report will contain limited detail. More detail can be provided upon request.

I would like to thank all those that worked so hard on the merger between the NHU and UEW components to form our new Union of Health and Environment Workers, especially the two National Presidents, Brothers Tony Tilley (NHU) and Todd Panas (UEW) for all their hard work and endless hours making sure that all members of both components were well informed and up to date on what was happening as we proceeded with the merger.

The new National Council held its inaugural meeting from January 9 to 12, 2017. The meeting was a huge success and all members of the Council vowed a commitment to provide the best service that we can to the members of UHEW.

Phoenix has continued to be a major issue for employees within the PSAC. Problems continue to range from people not receiving a basic pay, to acting pay not being issued along with salary increments not being implemented and overtime going unpaid. There have also been issues with people being rolled back to the lowest increment in their classification after working in an acting position. New hires or people returning from extended leave have been plagued with problems ranging from union dues over or underpayment to not having benefits implemented along with missed deductions of superannuation payments.

I would like to thank all the members of our bargaining teams for their commitment to obtaining the tentative collective agreements for our members. I know that it was a very long and, at times, frustrating undertaking for them and is very much appreciated by all of our members.

Activities:

September 2016

20 Regional Health and Safety Committee

October

6 National Policy Health and Safety Committee

December

6 LUMCC Meeting Southwest New Brunswick - Conference Call

8 National Policy Health and Safety Committee

20 Regional Health and Safety Committee
RUMCC Meeting

January 2017

9 – 13 UHEW National Council

24 Regional Occupational Health and Safety Committee

February

20 UHEW Council teleconference call

11-12 PSAC National Health and Safety Policy Committee forum (Ottawa)

March

21 Regional Health and Safety Committee
RUMCC Meeting

30 National Policy Health and Safety Committee