

**REPORT
OF THE
UHEW ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Fall 2018**

Committee members:

Marc Blanchard (Chair)

Robert Chafe

Richard May

The Environment Committee has met twice since our last National Council meeting. Once on July 25th and again on October 5th.

After some discussion we decided we would focus on three projects. The first would target our members at work, the second at home and the third would be a national joint campaign with the PSAC. We then agreed to assign one member of our committee as the lead on each of the projects.

Robert Chafe will take the lead on the Green Teams project. This project will target our employees at work with the goal of building workplace teams to encourage green practices on the job. We hope to be able to work with the employer and build on a similar program with Environment and Climate Change Canada. We would like to be able to spread this program to all departments we represent. We will use the UHEW website to help share activities from across the country.

To target our employees at home, Richard May will lead a project to encourage Green activities at or around people's homes. We will provide suggestions for simple things or simple changes people can make at home to benefit the environment. We will encourage them to make those changes over what we will call an "Environment Week" (June of each year) and share those activities with us. We plan to use the UHEW website to highlight the things our members are doing across the country.

Our final project will be led by Marc Blanchard. It will be a national campaign and we hope to be able to leverage funds from the PSAC Joint Campaign budget line item. The campaign is called "Goodbye Plastics" and is modelled after the DFO campaign of the same name which recently came to an end. We continue to work with DFO and would like to expand upon the good work that they did. The campaign will challenge both our members and our government to eliminate single use plastics and increase recycling efforts where we cannot eliminate plastic.

We will provide alternative products and practical ideas to allow people to easily make the transition. The plan, along with the budget will be presented to council at our Fall meeting and we hope to submit it to the PSAC National Environment Committee by November.

Go Green!