

AUPE PAY AND SOCIAL EQUITY REPORT, SEPT 16

We have continued to work towards our Pay Equity legislation, and still encouraging members to sign our petition. We had Stefanie McClean, the Minister in Charge of Status of Women, in to our meeting in July. She was given a very in depth background on the issue, and approached as to enacting the legislation. She responded that it would take a great deal of time and so on. Actually, I think she was overwhelmed, and being new to the position, had not even had a chance to absorb all of the background given to her. So, Susan is going to invite David Swann to our October meeting. On our last round of letters and phone calls to MLA's, David was very receptive and supportive. In his words, "It is abominable that we even have to be talking about this in this day and age!"

We met the afternoon before the Grandparents' Picnic, and then all volunteered at the picnic. Several of our members, including Barb, worked very hard at getting signatures there, and we got at least 250 more.

We would like to thank everyone who took petitions to their Locals, Chapters, and worksites. We ask that you please bring them to HQ before Convention, or failing at that, to Convention, so that we can get a good picture of what we really have. So even if the sheets have only one or two signature on them, they all count.

Terry Nicholson-Knudsen updates our Facebook page very frequently, so hopefully that is peaking people's interests and causing some thought about the issues. With that, I move my report.