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The Local Executive is looking forward to working for you and meeting all of you!

Get the latest news about bargaining,

<http://psacunion.ca/>

Local Announcements

In an effort to support our community during these difficult times, Local 70712 has made a donation to the Ottawa Food Bank in the amount of \$200. If you have ideas of other charities/organizations in need at this time please send the executive your recommendations.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the direction from both National and Regional Public Health Officials, the Union of Health and Environment Workers has been unable to hold in-person union meetings and will continue to be unable to hold in-person events until restrictions are lifted.

As a result, the UHEW Triennial Convention has been postponed to 2021

PSAC Announcements

The PSAC National Board of Directors recently passed motions suspending timelines in Local, Component and PSAC Constitution and By-Laws regarding timelines surrounding scheduling AGMs, Conventions, election of delegates to Component and PSAC Convention.

PSAC Welcomes Newly Appointed REVP, Alex Silas

Covid-19: [Information and Support for Members](#)

[PSAC to government: Keep public services stable, head back to the bargaining table](#)

[PSAC Scholarship Program – 2020 - Applications are now open](#)

Mental Health Week - May 4 to 10

The Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) hosts one week every year, but that does not mean that monitoring our mental health should not be every day of the year! You can visit www.mentalhealthweek.ca for information and tools about CMHA. Connect on social media at #TogetherApart, #GetReal and #MentalHealthWeek. Because of COVID-19 and the physical distancing measures that have been put in place across the country, our “social connection” is more important than ever to maintain our mental stability. Feelings of loneliness and isolation did not just come about because of COVID-19 crisis, they have always been a concern in our society. The CMHA website has a downloadable toolkit. This week, when someone asks: “How are you?” consider providing more detail instead of just replying with: “I am fine, thanks.”, because we miss a chance to connect in a meaningful way. Connecting with others feels good and it is good for our mental health.

Contributed by Luke Periard - Steward

If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact any of the Executive Members.

Phoenix Issues

Thousands of Public Service workers have experienced pay problems because of Phoenix.

It is recommended anyone with a Phoenix issue to talk with your Local Executive to protect you from any costs or penalties you may incur. Please contact us and we may be able to assist and guide you.

Below are important information links that are updated regularly.

[The latest phoenix news and support with your pay issues](#)

[Phoenix: Frequently asked questions](#)