

NVP Report – October 2020

Reactivation of Service Canada sites began in June 2020, it started with two test sites, St. John's, NL and Halifax, NS. Signage was put up, plexiglass installed, and security/commissionaires were hired for offices. Gradually more and more offices opened in the region. Before each office opened management did a walk through and there was a union representative at each site walk throughs and they addressed any issues or concerns on behalf of members. We were having weekly calls with the DG of CSPDB to get updates from management and to express any concerns we had on the reactivations of the Service Canada sites.

I have been working with Kimberley at National office to get finances complete to merge offices. Big thank you to Kimberley. I have been working on a couple of office merges, but unfortunately, they are not ready for this NE meeting but hoping to have everything in place to bring to the next NE meeting.

We have a few on going Administrative Investigations in the region. I have attended some investigation meetings and disciplinary meetings with members. These investigations are taking a long time to complete and causing members extra stress waiting for results.

We are working towards having a virtual regional president's conference, and organizing some virtual training.

We had an AUMCC meeting on September 22, 2020. We have a new ADM in our region, Christine McDowell, she was the DG for CSPDB.

We continue to have regular update meetings with DG's in the region.

Phoenix still continues to be an ongoing issue in the region.

Having issues with doing our union introductions to new members, as ESDC is hiring lots of new employees in the call centres. We will be working with management to come up with a way to resolve this issue.

A big thank you to all the local presidents and executive in the region. They have been working very hard and especially in the last few months to keep members informed and addressing their concerns as they arise.

I would like to thank staff of CEIU and especially the staff at the Moncton RUO, they continue to be a great support which make my role more manageable.

Thank you to our National President and NEVP, they are always only a phone call away and very quick in getting back to me with their guidance.

Last, but not least, thank you to Rhonda Rumson, I don't know what I would do without her help and guidance, and I would like her to know how much I appreciate all she does for the Atlantic region.

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