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I would like to start by thanking our outgoing NVP Vanessa Sandsmark, for her work over the past four years and her continued service to our membership.

I was sworn into my new role as NVP for BC/YT in August 2021. So far, it's been an interesting, challenging and fulfilling journey. In August, met with the BC/YT National Union Reps. (NUR) to introduce myself, followed by a town hall meeting with members of the Region. It was great to hear from our Union Reps. and members from the region. I also had an opportunity to speak with ADM, Sylvie Berube, CSB DG, Tracy Bulych, PD DG, Rob Allen and EI DG, Jackie Zuk and other DG's and Directors to introduce myself.

During the past 4 months, I have:

- held two zoom calls with local Presidents*
- attended many AGMS*
- assisted and supported many members through the TB Covid Policy*
- supported 7 members during artificial intelligence Investigations*
- addressed many concerns regarding training and retention with Call Centre Managers*
- recruited an Interim President for the Call Centre who is doing an amazing job*
- conducted a site visit to Whitehorse Service Canada Centre*

The past few weeks have been terrifying for many of our members who live in the flood plain areas of BC, where we saw unprecedented flooding. We are aware of one member who had no power and limited food for 5 days and many others who were not able to leave their homes. Thankfully they all had sufficient food and water to get them through until they regained power and roads re-opened.

Despite the flooding and bad weather, I was able to visit worksites to introduce myself and provide support to our members. President, Eddy Bourque joined me during visits to the Terrace and Smithers Service Canada locations. I then had an opportunity to go the Island and visit members in Nanaimo, Duncan, Comox, Campbell River and Powell River. It was a quick trip, but well worth it and the members said they appreciated me taking the time to visit them and listen to their concerns. I'm hoping to visit a few more sites in the lower mainland and Victoria before the end of the month.

In November I was advised that Local 20956 (Whitehorse SCC) was in Trusteeship and I was appointed the new Deputy Trustee. I then appointed Susie Blyth as the Assistance Deputy Trustee and we arranged an AGM for Dec 2, 2021 and I'm proud to say we had a successful AGM, electing five members to the executive and approving all outstanding financial statements. I will be bringing this forward to the NE asking for release of Trusteeship for Local 20956.

I currently sit on the PSAC PA National Bargaining Team and Common Issues Bargaining Team and was also appointed to sit on the CEIU National Finance Committee and the joint National Public Service Health Committee.

At this time, I am in the midst of scheduling our next in person regional executive council meeting for early January 2021.

In closing, I look forward to working with National Executive Members, Regional Executive Members, Local Executive Members, General Membership, National NUR staff and Regional NUR Staff to address issues, listen to concerns, support members, find solutions, mobilize, and engage members, learn from each other and share best practices.

Stay safe and Happy Holidays

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