

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS REPORT 2021

Greetings to all members and affiliates! This last year has been challenging for everyone. The RDLC has had to modify all activities or cancel because of the current COVID pandemic.

During the 2019-2020 year we were able to carry out some functions. Starting with the RDLC windup on June 12th. Followed by the Pride Parade on June 15th. July 30th was the Queen City Parade, During the summer months I volunteered to deliver lunches for REACH. I delivered lunches to two sites, Glencairn Community center and Lighthouse Tabernacle of Regina. We also supplied 55 backpacks to Cornwall Alternative School in late August. The 2019 Labour Day Picnic was cancelled due to rain. The 500 dozen buns , which we paid for was given to a combination of schools and the foodbank. Finally, on December 11 we held our annual Christmas wind up. On December 19th we held our Annual Christmas Dinner at Delta Hotel. About 1100 tickets were given out.

Next in 2020 things proved to be challenging. February 22 was our Equity Conference where 31 people registered. Beginning in March the pandemic hit, and the government issued many restrictions. So, the April AGM was canceled as was the May Day Parade. The Day of mourning Vigil was held online. CLC had made a video presentation where a number of people read out names of those injures or killed on the Job. President Radons and First VP Lang sent out a live facebook presentation as well. Many of our regular events like the Labour Day Picnic, Equity Potluck, Christmas Dinner and Social was canceled because of COVID restrictions. We continued regular meetings by ZOOM. We did deliver 55 backpacks to Cornwall Alternative School. The lunch program by REACH did not ask for volunteers. In stead of the Christmas Dinner, we gave Cornwall Alternative School gift cards and helped to purchase snow tires for their school van.

The pandemic has continued into 2021 severely restricting activities. The 2021 Equity Conference was cancelled and likely the 2021 Day of Mourning Vigil will be online again. We are currently planning an AGM for June 12th, to be held virtually.

In Solidarity, Susan Butson, Chair of Community Affairs