

THE WATERLOO REGIONAL COUNCIL OF UNION RETIREES
Uniting Retirees Across Waterloo Region

To Affiliates of the Waterloo Regional Labour Council:

The Waterloo Regional Council of Union Retirees (WRCUR) brings greetings to you and best wishes for a safe, healthy and job secure 2016.

Our organization is represented on the executive of WRLC by our President, Bob Cruickshank. We are affiliated to the Ontario Federation of Union Retirees (OFUR) and the Congress of Union Retirees of Canada (CURC). While our local group was the first ever Council of Union Retirees, there are now CURC local chapters all across the country.

Local chapters and individual members are involved in campaigns and political issues of all kinds. Many chapters held observances, events, and flag raisings on October 1, the International Day of the Older Person. Locally, WRCUR raised flags in both Kitchener and Cambridge. In London, local chapter members handed out leaflets on seniors' issues in front of the federal building, and 200 people attended an event that chapter hosted with the Canadian Association of Retired Persons (CARP).

In Hamilton, chapter member Henry Evans-Tenbrinke was awarded the Hamilton and District Labour Council's Retiree of the Year award in 2015 for his work to stop the installation of Canada Post Community Mailboxes by "camping out" on a CMB pad.

On behalf of our local chapter, I have requested meetings with all five area MP's and was, along with WRCUR member Gord Assman, the very first ever lobby session with our new MP and Minister of Small Business and Tourism, Bardish Chagger. We have an early Feb. meeting with MP Brian May and are working to set one up with the other three area MP's as well.

As with many groups, ours struggles with membership numbers and finances. Having your local union affiliate would certainly assist us in the ongoing work we do. Affiliation fees range from \$12 per year for 1-25, up to \$340 per year for over 751. And we would love to have more active retiree members as well.

If you choose to not affiliate, our chapter would sincerely appreciate any contribution you could make. We were very excited to have the Waterloo Regional Labour Council General Members meeting in January 2016 approve a sizable donation as support for the work we do. We truly thank them for that, and appreciate your consideration of our request.

In True Solidarity

Sandi Ellis
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