

# **GMM PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**September 19, 2023**

## **CELBATIONS STRIKE**

ON September 5<sup>th</sup> we started a strike at Celebrations Dinner Theatre after our members voted 100% in favour of taking strike action. The employer offered no wages above minimum wage and it had been 3 years since the contract expired.

The employer refused refused to come to the bargaining table and on September 8, just two days after the strike began, the employer announced that they would be permanently closing their business and sent termination letters to all of our members on the picket line.

We are currently assisting these members with applications for EI and with career transition services through our training centre.

## **LOBLAW BARGAINING**

We have been bargaining with Loblaw since June and have had 15 dates at the table scheduled in the month of September. During the weekend of September 8-10, we conducted an online strike vote and our members at Loblaw voted to give us a 98% strike mandate.

We will be working hard right up to the expiry date of the agreement to bring our Loblaw members the best deal possible and you can get regular updates on our progress at [ufcw832.com](http://ufcw832.com).

## **MGEU STRIKES**

In late August, the strike at the MLCC's ended with the members ratifying a 4-year contract. That same day, a strike at MPI began with 1,700 MGEU members and Teranet, who process land titles and property registrations, have been on strike since July 11 and have now been joined by land title clerks – a total of 115 MGEU members are out at that location.

I want to thank all of our staff, Executive Board and members who have walked these picket lines in a show of support and solidarity with these workers and their union

## **PROVINCIAL ELECTION**

This election is incredibly important to the future of our province and will have major impacts on our members in a variety of sectors

Our healthcare is in crisis, hydro is on the brink of privatization and working families are suffering under the current government's austerity agenda.

## **THOMPSON HOMELESS SHELTER**

The Thompson Homeless Shelter has been taken over by MKO which is an Indigenous led organization operating across Northern Manitoba. They changed the name to the "Wellbriety Centre" and refused to let the Union Representative service our members there. As a result, we have filed a successor rights application at the Manitoba Labour Board and a hearing date is in the process of being set.

## **LABOUR DAY 2023**

The annual Labour Day march was a little different this year as attendees met at Memorial Park and marched to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. At the museum there were light refreshments and speakers from Ottawa and Manitoba. I would like to say a huge thank you to all those UFCW members who attended the Winnipeg event and also to those who attended the event held at our Training Centre in Brandon.

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