

Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) Government Services Union (GSU)
Report of the National Vice-President (NVP)
Kevin Hanson | January 2022 – March 2022

It is with pride and joy that I am submitting my second report as National Vice-President of the GSU. I had a wonderful start to 2022 and am thrilled to continue this momentum into the beautiful spring season. My focus this quarter has been leading the various GSU committees that I have been appointed to by the National President. I have met with members of the education committee, the local development committee, and the young workers sub-committee, and we have hit the ground running.

In the education committee, we are in the process of updating the committees' terms of reference and have discovered a list of courses that was previously developed by past education committee members. We plan on reviewing, updating, and implementing a curriculum for various elected positions within the GSU. In the months ahead, we will make suggested amendments and additions to the course list. We will also look at adding any additional courses that are now offered by the PSAC and Joint Learning Program (JLP), to see where they fit into the learning curriculum. We would also like to look at promoting the course listings on the GSU website, for ease of access by our elected officials and wider membership, as they enter their union learning journey.

The local development committee met a few times and updated the committees' terms of reference. The group brainstormed ideas on how we can help develop locals that fall within the GSU and decided that we would focus on two items. The first item being, to increase GSU's virtual presence to engage members and activists to get involved with their locals, and the second is to establish a focus group that can help us design a plan to engage our membership. In the meetings to come, the committee will work on building a plan to better define what GSUs virtual presence means, and we will outline the expectations that we are seeking from a focus group.

As for the young workers sub-committee, the group met to start the planning discussion for the GSU Young Workers Summit. We had the opportunity to brainstorm some ideas on how we would get participants registered for the event, and some themes that we can focus on for the Summit. In terms of next steps, we will start implementing the generated ideas on how we can recruit participants and advertise the event, and we will select subjects that we want covered on the Summit's agenda. We also plan on selecting participants for the Summit in the months ahead.

I continue to work hard representing our members at Shared Services Canada (SSC), where we are trying to establish a better consultation presence. I have mapped out the consultation process at SSC, as well as at the Royal Canadian Mint (RCM), and will move on to Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC), as promised to the

membership when I was elected. My goal is to have a consultation road map that will give us a visual diagram to show us what our consulting processes look like, and where we are consulting. After the diagram is complete, I hope it will give us a better idea on where we have consultation gaps, and how we can improve our consultation processes with the employer, and within our own union moving forward.

As for my time working with the rest of National Council members and other union activists, I must say it is always a pleasure working with others who care about our members. I will continue to be present for you, as a mentor, at the National level, and am excited for the warm summer months ahead.

Sincerely,

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