

UNION matters

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Rally for Accountability October 25 @ 12 noon Saskatchewan Legislature



Are you tired of the provincial government's bad decisions and mismanagement? Join us as we rally for accountability on Oct. 25 at the Legislature in Regina over the noon hour. Need transportation? Visit WhereDidTheMoneyGo.org & [RSVP on Facebook](#).

President's Message

Welcome to the fall 2018 issue of Union Matters. This is a busy time as we all get adjusted to the new season, including tidying up our yards and gardens, harvesting the crops, and generally preparing ourselves for the coming colder weather. I want to wish all farmers and their families safe and smooth days ahead, and safe travels to everyone who will be out on snow and ice covered roads in the coming months.

The staff at our three SGEU offices and your elected leaders continue to work on your behalf to provide support, advice and advocacy at your workplace on a daily basis. This is in addition to ongoing contract negotiations taking place for many of our bargaining units, where we keep pressing for fair and reasonable contracts for our members. [READ MORE](#)



Government choices are hurting everyday people

People continue to suffer from the Sask Party government's choices.

The list of [questionable spending](#) grows longer every week and more people are asking Where Did The Money Go?

Government is pushing concessions and wage rollbacks at the negotiating table. It's cutting programs and services that affect working people and their families, including some of the most vulnerable people in our communities.

Meanwhile, government gave more money to senior Crown executives, putting many of their salaries over \$500,000 per year with substantial wage increases, some receiving 26 per cent more. This two-tiered system is simply unacceptable. It's hypocritical and it needs to stop.

The Sask Party government is choosing to reward the wealthy and give the working-class nothing but fewer services, additional taxes and increased costs.



Learn how people like nine-year-old Gracie and her family are impacted by the Sask Party government's heartless decisions. Click [here](#) to watch the video.



Larry Hubich set to retire

Join us in wishing a happy retirement to SFL President Larry Hubich who announced he will not seek re-election at the SFL convention in October. Hubich spent 16 years in the role, where he helped grow and strengthen the labour movement in Saskatchewan.

Most people agree that Hubich's biggest achievement came in January 2015 when the Supreme Court of Canada ruled in defense of workers' right to strike, and struck down the Sask Party government's Essential Services Act, noting the right to strike is protected by Section 2(d) of Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedom. [READ MORE.](#)



SGEU President Bymoan quickly collected over \$330 by donning a pair of red high heels for the YWCA Regina's **Walk a Mile in Her Shoes** event to help raise funds for YWCA programs and services for women and children affected by violence. [READ MORE.](#)



SGEU President Bymoan participated in **Orange Shirt Day** activities, a time set aside to remember the effects of residential schools and work toward reconciliation. [READ MORE.](#)

SGEU in the news

SGEU's Public Service/Government Employment ([PS/GE](#)) [members give negotiating committee strike mandate](#).

Sask Party [government rewards Crown executives](#) with huge wage increases while the rest of us are told there's no money.

Sask [correctional centres are a "powder keg"](#) due to poor government policies.

SGEU [members ratify contract at H.E.L.P. Homes](#) of Regina.

To read more SGEU news, [click here](#).



SGEU is Saskatchewan's union

Our latest TV ad reminds Saskatchewan people of the valuable services that our members provide. We are proud of the work our members do. Our new campaign reflects this pride and highlights how important SGEU members are to making life good in Saskatchewan.

Watch our new ad [here](#).



There's an App for that!

Keep Liquor Public - compare prices at public versus private liquor stores by downloading the free smart phone app from Google Play or the App Store. Just search for Sask Liquor Pricing. The results might surprise you! [Learn more](#).



SGEU billboards are up in locations across the province, asking a question that's been on the minds of more and more people.

A few Sask Party MLAs scrambled to explain but people aren't buying the government's rhetoric.

Read some of the [letters](#) and [editorials](#) that have [appeared](#) in [newspapers](#) across the province, related to our billboard campaign.

SGEU members attended workshops, training sessions, conferences and information meetings



[SGEU's Health Providers'](#) Negotiating Committee held bargaining information meetings with members in several communities across the province this summer.

About 50 SGEU members participated in [Mental Health First Aid Training](#) in September.

Delegates at SGEU's [Human Rights/Equity and FAIR conference](#) learned about creating more inclusive workplaces and communities.

Upcoming events and activities

Check out the [SGEU Events Calendar](#) for a listing of commemorative dates, and interesting events and activities to keep you informed and engaged.

Some highlights:

SGEU Provincial Council - October 18 & 19, Regina
SFL Convention - October 24 – 27, Regina
Sisters in Spirit Vigil and Activities - October 4, various locations
Reconciliation Forum - October 10, Saskatoon
Let's End Poverty: Be Part of the Solution Conference - October 17, Regina
PADLC Seniors' Dinner - October 14, Prince Albert
PS/GE Seniors' Dinner - October 21, Regina



Discounts for SGEU Members

A reminder to sign up for the Endless Savings & More (ESM) program, which offers SGEU members a chance to save on everyday purchases at a variety of local, national and international merchants.

[Learn more about it.](#)

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