

NATIONAL POLITICAL ACTION REPORT 2009

The NPAC met in November 2009 and April 2009. We are pleased to have a Brother on our Committee representing the Province of Quebec as they have been absent in our Committee work previously. All Provinces have sent a Representative and all Committee Members support the NDP. Our Committee only supports Labour friendly Governments and Labour friendly Candidates ie NDP. Our next meeting will be held after the 2009 CUPE Convention.

The NPAC is encouraging Cupe Divisions affiliate with the NDP. There is no cost to this but shows support for Labour.

The Committee is recommending an NDP presense at our Conventions and hope this will happen in 2009.

We have recommended CUPE offer lobbying schools at the local level as well as campaign manager schools designed by CUPE National. The CLC is working in this area as well.

The fight to stop P3 projects on PEI has been somewhat successful but it is imparitive we stay diligent. Protecting our Public water systems, municipally is essential and I urge more CUPE members to seek election Municipally in 2010.

Many CUPE Divisions have mailing lists of their memberssship. This is important as to get our membership out for important rallies ie small school closures, stopping P3 s, protecting public services.

Presently, we are asking for CUPE support for our CUPE sisters and brothers in New Brunswick who are facing cut backs etc by the Provincial Liberals. Never forget the same was done on PEI during the Liberal Government of Catherine Callbeck.

The Provincial Election in Nova Scotia will hopfully elect an NDP Government. The first in the Maritimes. Congratulations to Newfoundland & Labrador for electing an NDP MP in the last Federal Election.

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