

## **CONTRACTING OUT AND PRIVATIZATION COMMITTEE**

The Contracting out and Privatization committee members attended an all-committees meeting with CUPE NB setting our short, medium and long-term goals. The committee also welcomes Charline Allain as our newest National committee appointee. Both Terry Haslett and Charline Allain attended the National all-committees meeting in Ottawa where we lobbied government MP's on AI, the need for public run childcare for all, keeping health care public, immigration and removing closed contracts, and the need for Public Housing. It was a great week of learning. The National Contracting out and Privatization committees' priority for the year is focused on AI. With AI advancing at extreme rates, our focus is to make sure the workers do not get left behind. Contracting out the work to AI firms which will lead to privatization.

Here in NB, we have seen more agency liquor stores being set up across the province. Government seems to be allowing these stores to open very close to ANBL stores. In some cases, these private-run agency stores have similar uniforms and setups to our ANBL stores. This is affecting productivity in government owned stores. CUPE 963 is working on a campaign to fight back contracting out the sale of booze.

CUPE 1253 has seen ASDE use a contracted-out cleaning company rather than put forward a real push to hire casual workers. CUPE 1253 is continuing to make sure the CA is being followed and that jobs are being protected.

CUPE 1252 has rung the bell concerning contracting out of Trades work in Hospitals. CUPE 1252 advised government if they really wanted to save money, our people do the job better and a lot cheaper than contracting out 1252 work.

With this new budget the Holt government has put forward on March 17<sup>th</sup>, workers in 1190 are pushing back. They are saying no to the privatization of provincial parks of less than 5000 visitors. Which will lead to job losses if the Holt government chooses to continue.

CUPE NB will also lobby government to make sure the tolls that are being placed in NB are publicly run toll booths.

This is looking to be a very busy year for the Contracting out and Privatization committee and look forward to working with the division to STOP the Contracting out of our services.

In Solidarity,

Charline Allain, Terry Haslett, Darcy Barker and Jamie Agnew