

Weekly Round Up (November 9 – 15, 2019)

Political Roundup

What was in Alberta's labour news this week?

→ Jason Kenney gave a speech announcing a so-called 'Fair Deal Panel' on Saturday, November 9th. While the panel will look at a number of things, this may have potential impacts on policing and corrections (for example, he is pledging to create an Alberta Parole Board and take over responsibility for inmates from the Parole Board of Canada; this move has the potential to impact how correctional facilities are staffed and would likely increase the workload of our members dealing with probation).

AUPE staff are monitoring the work of the panel and will flag areas of concern to our members as they arise.

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/alberta-police-force-rcmp-kenney-fair-deal-1.5354946>

→ The government launched a survey on the Employment Standards Code. It is completely biased in the employers' favour. It's clear that all questions are focused on removing "regulatory burdens" that protect employees. The survey can be found here:

<https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=66093313AB670-E249-8083-4F4F052E950915F1>

While the subject of the survey is the Employment Standards Code, which applies to non-union workers, notable questions asked in the survey include:

How satisfied are you with the current notification periods to employees or unions affected by group termination?

Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Neutral	Somewhat dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know
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→ We received notification that our LRB vote at AgeCare SkyPointe in Calgary was a success, with 121 GSS workers joining the ANC workers who voted to join AUPE in September.

<https://www.aupe.org/news/news-and-updates/121-more-workers-agecare-skypointe-vote-join-aupe>

→ The government appears to be gearing up to weaken OH&S protections.

https://www.afl.org/unions_warn_that_kenney_government_is_about_to_weaken_workplace_safety_protections_as_part_of_so_called_red_tape_review

➔ Potential issues to look out for the week of Nov. 18:

- Omnibus legislation affecting pension joint governance

Job losses

Between Nov. 1 and Nov. 15 2019, we have been notified of:

- 10 FTE positions lost. These include:
 - Five terminations of temporary positions with GOA (1 Red Deer institutional and patient support; 1 Medicine Hat GIS/Asset Management; 3 Medicine Hat Environment and Parks);
 - Three reduction of permanent FTEs (1 NAIT parking services; 1 NAIT Edu Tech; 1 Strathcona County).
- There was also notification that 88 members in Natural Resources Conservation might be affected by a permanent reduction of FTE, but no confirmation of losses or number of members affected yet.

Event Roundup

Events You Don't Want to Miss!

Fight the Cuts Information Pickets and More (Nov. 16-22)

➔ **Monday, November 18 in St. Paul:**

Where: St. Paul Health Centre; 4713 48 Ave, St. Paul

When: Noon – 1 p.m., Monday, November 18

Who: All AUPE members and our supporters are invited to join during their non-work time!

Contact: Tracy Pendleton | 306-304-2859

➔ **Students Not Silent March - Monday, November 18 in Edmonton:**

Where: March from U of A Administration Building to the Legislature

When: 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Who: All AUPE members and our supporters are invited to join during their non-work time!

➔ **UNA Nurses Rally for Alberta - Wednesday, November 20 in Edmonton:**

Where: Steps of the Alberta Legislature Building

When: 1:00 p.m.

Who: All AUPE members and our supporters are invited to join during their non-work time!

➔ **Thursday, November 21 in Calgary:**

Where: University of Calgary at the Taylor Quad, in front of the MacEwan Student Centre

When: Noon – 1 p.m.

Who: All AUPE members and our supporters are invited to join during their non-work time!

Contact: Justin Huseby, chairlocal052@aupe.ca, [403-880-1689](tel:403-880-1689)

➔ **rally for public education - Friday, November 22 in Edmonton:**

Where: Edmonton Centre for Education at 1 Kingsway NW

When: 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Who: All AUPE members and our supporters are invited to join during their non-work time!

Visit: <https://local30.ca> for more details

Check Out:

- <https://www.aupe.org/news/news-and-updates/crisis-albertas-justice-system-5m-cuts-legal-aid-alberta>
- <https://www.facebook.com/yourAUPE/videos/450397765612715/>