



HOME CARE PROJECT

Public Inquiry - Report Delayed

The SEIU sponsored panel on home care has submitted a draft report for review. The report is based on presentations, written submissions received as well as research conducted by the panel. The final report has been delayed due to the sudden death of Marion Dewar one of the panelists. Ms. Dewar represented seniors. She was the former mayor of Ottawa and a NDP MP. While driving the panelists to and from hearings I had the opportunity to speak with her. Ms. Dewar was very vocal about the unfair treatment home care workers receive. She told me she was most moved by the presentation of PSWs at the hearings. She will be sadly missed by many who had the opportunity to know her. The report will be dedicated in her memory. The final report will be available soon on the Local's website. Any actions planned around the release of the report will be announced at a later date.

Cathy Carroll
Secretary Treasurer

HOME CARE ACTION PLAN

Enclosed in this mailing is an action plan developed by the Red Cross bargaining team. We ask that you participate if called upon. We must continue to raise awareness on the issues you face on the job. The action plan is being sent to all home care workers in the Local. The issues are pertinent to this sector and we will be speaking with one voice in solidarity. Please participate in making home care better for you and better for our clients. Together we can make a difference.

INTRODUCING THE SEIU LOCAL 1 CANADA HOME CARE HOTLINE 1-888-686-8682



SEIU Local 1Canada has established a toll free home care hotline. It will start up on November 7th. The number will have updates on collective bargaining, campaigns and meeting dates. It will be updated on a regular basis. It is your communication network for involvement in the union and your right to know and participate. A flyer with the number is in the mailing to keep handy for future reference.

LABOUR DAY THEME HEMOCARE

At the Toronto Labour Day parade, the largest parade in Canada, SEIU made home care the theme. We put home care in the forefront with a float that depicted a house of cards and SEIU Local 1 Canada was awarded the best float entry in the parade. Cathy Carroll also had the opportunity to speak at the Labour Day event in Goderich. Home care workers attended from Sarnia and Owen Sound. Every union member heard about the state of our home care system and the plight faced by home care workers who perform valuable services to our communities. The more visible we are, the more we educate the public about the changes that need to be made.



**For more info on the
SEIU Local 1 Canada
Home Care Project
Go to - www.seiulocal1.org**



SEIU CANADA LAUNCHES HOME CARE CAMPAIGN *Home Care is Running on Empty*

SEIU Canada kicked off a new campaign to spread the message that home care workers across the province are *running on empty*.

SEIU Canada will be holding rallies, putting up billboards, placing ads in newspapers and running radio spots all to raise awareness about travel time and mileage allowances.

The first rally was in North Bay on September 19. Rallies will continue in Northern Ontario and will soon spread across the province.

SEIU Canada has also started a website for home care workers, home care clients, and the public to visit and learn more about home care issues. Please visit www.runningonempty.ca to leave us a message. Tell us what you think, how these issues are affecting you, and whether you would like to get involved as we send the message to agencies and government – Home Care Workers are Running on Empty!