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## Local 21 and Local 7 Annual Christmas Party



Casual employee George Cozma, has been working for the city for 5 years. George started out in Parks and Open Space Management working for the cemeteries. George transferred to the Traffic Dept. on the control side. After a couple seasons George then transferred to Roadways and currently works in Alley and Sweeping services. George likes working for the city and is currently trying to seek full time permanent status. Good luck George!!!

Local 21 and Local 7 annual Christmas party.

Saturday Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

The Italian Club, 2148 Connaught St.

Doors open at 6:00 pm (cocktails).

Turkey dinner at 7:00 pm (cabbage rolls, perogies and all the trimmings).

Dance to the great music of our live band Rowser (local 21 band).

Lots of Door prizes!!!! Plus a 50/50 draw.

Tickets are \$5 for union members and \$10 for non-members.

Contact Reg Wilke at 306-540-2810 or Karen Sax at 306-777-7206 by November 29<sup>th</sup>. You can also contact the Local 21 office at 306-352-8282.

## Annual Children's Christmas Party

Please come out and support our Annual Children's Christmas Party. This is a free event open to all children associated with the families of local 21 members. This has been a great event held by Local 21 for many years.

The Saskatchewan Science Centre has been a great advocate for this party and we appreciate their cooperation.

Summon up your Christmas cheer and come be a part of another great Local 21 event.

Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013

6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

The Saskatchewan Science Centre

2903 Powerhouse Drive

Please join us to experience all the exhibits and get your picture taken with Santa Clause.

Take home with you crafts, popcorn, drinks, candy canes, Christmas oranges and a load of memories.

Two lmax movies will be shown at 7:00pm and at 8:15 pm.

# Challenges of Bills 5 and 6

Saskatchewan Federation of Labor

News Release

Canada's international law commitments, as well as working people's rights.

## Executive Officers

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, October 17, 2013

SUPREME COURT OF CANADA  
AGREES TO HEAR CHARTER  
CHALLENGE OF BILLS 5 & 6

A panel of three Supreme Court Justices has decided that the Supreme Court of Canada will, in fact, hear the case of the SFL et al, in the matter of the constitutionality of the Government of Saskatchewan's Bills 5 and 6 – so-called "essential services" legislation and amendments to Saskatchewan's Trade Union Act.

"It is extremely unfortunate that we find ourselves in this position," said Saskatchewan Federation of Labour President, Larry Hubich. "Obviously, we would rather not be forced into taking our government to court. Unfortunately, however, Bills 5 and 6 represent significant infringements upon the fundamental rights of Saskatchewan working people.

On behalf of the people of the province, and on behalf of the generations of people that struggled for the rights we enjoy today, we believe it is our responsibility to challenge laws that appear to be unconstitutional, particularly when they concern people's basic rights at work."

In 2010, the United Nation's International Labour Organization (ILO) found that Bills 5 and 6 violate

In April of this year, the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal released a much-anticipated decision recognizing that Canadian law has evolved to a point where a right to strike may be protected by the Constitution.

At numerous points, the Court of Appeal notes that, though it could not overturn previous Supreme Court decisions respecting a right to strike, striking could very well be a fundamental right protected by the freedom of association.

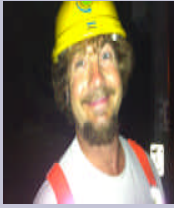
"We believe it is time for the Supreme Court of Canada to recognize that Saskatchewan people, and all Canadians, enjoy a right to strike that is constitutionally protected.

We are also asking for a declaration that the 2008 changes to the Saskatchewan Trade Union Act substantially interfere with workers' right to form unions of their own choosing, for the purpose of bargaining collectively with their employers."

The SFL represents over **100,000** working people across the province in 37 affiliated unions.

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# P3 Privatization Misguided



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

October 18, 2013

Plan for new schools and North Battleford hospital using P3 privatization misguided

REGINA - In its „Progress Report“ on the „Saskatchewan Plan for Growth“ released yesterday, the provincial government confirms it will be looking to public-private partnership (P3) schemes to build new schools and the new Saskatchewan Hospital in North Battleford. It's a plan that CUPE Saskatchewan President Tom Graham warns is misguided.

“Experience shows that when governments turn to P3 privatization, taxpayers are always on the hook to pay more,” says Graham. “P3s are first and foremost about corporations making profit at the expense of taxpayers.”

In a 2007 report on Alberta's experiment with P3 schools, Hugh Mackenzie revealed that for the cost of every two schools built under a P3 contract, an additional school could have been built.

Nova Scotia's Auditor General reported in 2010 that the experiment with P3 schools was a taxpayer rip-off.

Last year, New Brunswick's Auditor General examined two P3 contracts for schools in that province and again found that public procurement would have been significantly cheaper.

P3 hospitals have also proven to add millions more to the price tag for taxpayers. In 2010, Quebec's Auditor General released a report criticizing the provincial agency, Infrastructure Quebec, created to push P3 schemes.

The report found the agency's P3 business case for two Montreal hospitals was based on “unfounded” assumptions and instead cost more.

“From Alberta to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick to Quebec, P3 privatization schemes for schools and hospitals have proven to cost taxpayers more,” says Graham.

**Local 21 Membership Meeting**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every Month**  
**Italian Club, 2148 Connaught St.**  
**7:00 pm**

**Local 21 and Local 7 Christmas Party**  
**December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**Italian Club, 2148 Connaught St.**  
**6:00 pm cocktails**

**Local 21 Children's Christmas Party**  
**December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**Saskatchewan Science Centre**  
**2903 Powerhouse Drive**  
**6:00 pm - 10:00 pm**

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A special shout out to the members of the Regina Thunder Football Club... Craig Hammond, Jeff Bolen, Tanner Sokolofski, Mat Halbgawacs, Will Heward and Justin Bannin... and to anyone else that helped out along the way or was a member of in the past few seasons.



## P3 Information

Town of Conception Bay South contracts in residential garbage collection

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CONCEPTION BAY SOUTH, NL - After 30 years of using a private contractor, the Town of Conception Bay South (CBS) has decided to bring its residential garbage collection services in house.

CUPE Local 3034 President Warrick Cluney says ...

“We have come to an agreement with the Town on a five-year trial basis, which will see our own employees providing this important service to the residents of CBS.

“In addition, we’ll be hiring four new employees to do the work. They’ll be working four, ten-hour days. These new employees will enjoy all of the benefits of the current union contract, so we are very pleased that CBS has made this decision and we are looking forward to taking it on,” says Cluney.

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## National News

### Asking the right questions on P3s

Greg Taylor,

CUPE Communications

A new guide encouraging municipal leaders and officials to show caution when considering the use of public-private partnerships to finance public infrastructure projects is now available.

The guide - *Asking the Right Questions: A Guide for Municipalities Considering P3s* - probes the many issues surrounding P3s, providing insight and tools for local governments and infrastructure advocates. It outlines the problems that accompany infrastructure and service privatization, and highlights the value of keeping vital assets and services public.

“After they read this guide, I’m sure mayors and city councilors will think twice about rushing headlong into pro-privatization initiatives and agree with us that P3s do not offer all the benefits touted by their promoters,” said Paul Moist, national president of CUPE, while unveiling the new guide at a press conference in Regina, SK. He was joined by Charles Fleury, national secretary-treasurer of CUPE, and the guide’s author, Dr. John Loxley. “In terms of costs, risk sharing, service quality, infrastructure maintenance, and the impact on workers, communities and the local economy, the detailed responses in this guide will equip municipalities to review the facts carefully before entering into a P3,” explained Dr. Loxley, professor of economics at the University of Manitoba.

An electronic version of *Asking the Right Questions: A Guide for Municipalities Considering P3s* is available for download at [cupe.ca/p3guide](http://cupe.ca/p3guide). Print copies of can also be ordered through this link.