

ROGERS Omni production unit – JULY 2017 VP REPORT – R.Boni

Much has happened since May.

Our unit is working very hard to meet the management expectations for the new local News and current affair shows to launch on Sept 1 2017. As per Colette Watson statement.: “we aren't trying to resurrect the old news but we want to make a fast paced newscasts that are built on the CityNews model”.

The company has posted online :
it reads:

OMNI Television Programming - Various Positions

Rogers is now hiring for OMNI News and Public Affairs community programming nationally! We are seeking top talent for various roles including:

On air talent

Editorial Production

Technical Operations

If you have experience working in the broadcast industry and are fluent in any of these languages; (list languages – Cantonese, Mandarin, Italian and Punjabi), then we want to hear from you.

We don't know much more about the new positions, vs those we had in the past newscast, which will no longer be there rather the actual News format will be un-traditional, meaning that the news will not have an anchor and all the segments will be produced for a ON-LINE audience. Some of the actual members working at DSQ have to re apply for the same positions they held previously.

We just have to wait and see.

ST. JOHN'S NEWFOUNDLAND RBUC CONFERENCE 2017 .

A couple of weeks ago I took part of the Canadian Media Conference and the Rogers Broadcasting RBUC to discuss urgent issues regarding our industry at the national and local level. We could see that the whole Journalism and Broadcasting industries are suffering more and more due to the Internet. (Massive loss of readership and viewership).

We discussed how effective and positive our intervention was, in Ottawa by lobbying various MPs and promoting DigiCanCon. More to come .

Rogers in the West is in bad shape comparing to Ontario. More members are being laid off or losing their full time status.

Rogers Ontario is somewhat stable,

SN mainly because of hockey and baseball money,

TSC profit is up

City and OMNI are developing new shows.

Local 723M ByLaws to have a final approval.

City/Omni Collective Agreement is up soon: after an employee survey was sent out to all members affected by the negotiations, we have a better understanding of what our needs are.

We don't have a start date for negotiation yet. More to come.

No major Health and Safety issues to add, the Lakeshore building basement is still under renovation and is closed. (Access for approved staff only).

No grievances in our unit.

It is summer and many members are taking some time off.