

## **Presidents Report   E-Board Meeting   October 2018**

The local is running smoothly and our finances are in order.

Your Bell Unit is still in Bargaining with negotiations to resume the first week of November.

We are still waiting for company signatures prior to sending the Rogers collective agreements to the printers.

Bell Steward Kat Leonard and myself were invited to the Unifor Ottawa Lobby week November 21 - 25th. We were there to engage in open dialogue with our elected mp's and policymakers in the hopes of finding a practical solution to saving local news.

Together with representatives across Canada we lobbied 85 Members of Parliament including the Finance department, Chief of Liberal Platform Development, and Heritage committee. Together we had 77 meetings in 3.5 with some follow-up meetings on the horizon.

In the end we feel that there is common understanding worth pursuing in the very critical state of the media industry in this country.

I will also be back in Ottawa along with our National Representative Howard Law in November to appear before the CRTC with our intervention in regards to the OMNI licence. We are asking the CRTC to enforce very strict conditions of licence on this 9(1)h undertaking.

Your local will be sending 5 elected representatives from the general membership and your president to the Unifor Ontario council in early December.

Finally, your elected trustees will be in training mid November , once this is complete they will get to work ensuring the Local spending accounts are in order.

**Please see the VP, Treasurer, and committee reports for more detailed Local 723m information.**

*A reminder to check our local website for News and updates . **unifor723m.org**, follow us on **Twitter @unifor723m***

*It is also of importance to monitor the Media Action Plan, **mediaactionplan.ca**, follow on Twitter, **@MAP\_Canada***

In Solidarity , Angelo Contarin