

Labour Day BBQ Recap

Brothers and Sisters,

Despite “mild” winds exceeding 60 km/h, Iqaluit PSAC members persevered and still held their September 7, 2009 Labour Day BBQ.

The venue was the spacious (and warm) pavilion overlooking the Sylvia Grinnell river in Nunavut’s territorial Sylvia Grinnell park.

The BBQ was held in conjunction with the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC), its components (Nunavut Employees Union, National component local reps, Parks) and the Northern Territories Federation of Labour (NTFL).

Over 75 people attended this event which featured hot dogs, hamburgers/cheeseburgers, coffee/tea and a brief introduction/presentation by various union activists. Brother John Vander Velde was in attendance representing the NTFL (he is also the NEU RVP for Baffin South) and Brother Wade Morrison was representing the NEU in his capacity as 1st Vice-President (Brother Doug Workman, NEU President, was unable to attend as he was out of the community at the time of the event). Sister Hannah Uniuqsaraq (PSAC North Territorial Director/Regional Woman’s committee chairperson), NEU Local 005 President Brother Wes Smith and NEU Local 005 VP Brother Bill Fennell were also in attendance. PSAC and NEU staff were also in attendance (special mention to Sister Janice Seto, NEU Service Officer, who despite the harsh winds, still made it out to help set up and add her cooking talents to the roster).

On behalf of the PSAC Iqaluit Regional office, it was great to see you all step up and volunteer your time and cooking talents as your help was greatly appreciated. If you browse through the pictures you will see many of our Labour Day BBQ attendees enjoying their meals and by the smiles on their faces, it looks like all had a great time!

Feel free to check out these various websites for further information:

Northern Territories Federation of Labour: www.ntfl.yk.com

Public Service Alliance of Canada North: www.pnacnorth.com

Nunavut Employees Union: www.neu.ca

Yours in solidarity,

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