



**TODAY
YOU GET
ICE CREAM**

**TOMORROW
YOU LOSE
SICK LEAVE**



Treasury Board and Separate Agencies (CFIA, CRA and Parks) may claim to appreciate public service workers under the guise of National Public Service Week. In reality, however, they're pushing for a complete overhaul of the sick leave and benefits our members rely on. Show the employer you can't be bought off with ice cream and burgers.

**Support your bargaining teams.
Boycott National Public Service Week.**



BOYCOTT

NATIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE WEEK

PSAC's National Board of Directors has unanimously supported a boycott of National Public Service Week for the third year in a row. Started in 2012 as a protest of the reckless cuts to public services, the boycott continues this year in light of looming attacks on the sick leave and benefits our members rely on.

National Public Service Week will be held from June 15-21, 2014. This event marks the importance of federal public service employees and recognizes their service to Canadian society. However, we find it an insult to our members and to our union that the employer promotes this event while the government continues its assault on federal public services.

We are heading into what will most certainly be a difficult round of bargaining with Treasury Board. All Treasury Board bargaining teams will be in Ottawa from July 7-11, 2014 to finalize bargaining demands and meet with the employer. Tony Clement has already indicated his intent to dismantle our sick leave and benefits, and the Conservatives will stop at nothing to ensure their budget is balanced in 2015 on the backs of public service workers like you.

The federal government wants to introduce a short-term disability plan to replace the current sick leave system, with the new system to be in place by July 2016. While the employer may claim that this new strategy is about employee wellness, it's really about restricting access to leave, reducing the number of sick leave and disability claims, and contracting-out the administration of sick leave and disability insurance.

In the current political climate, any participation in employer events during National Public Service Week will be perceived as acceptance. We know that managers are required to report on activities to upper management and it sends a strong message to indicate that no members attended.

We have the utmost respect for our members and the work they do, and for public service workers of all stripes. That's why it's especially important that we do not participate in these events, which claim to "honour" public service workers while simultaneously slashing jobs and forcing us into bargaining.

Show the employer you can't be bought off with ice cream and burgers and, instead, choose to stand united with your bargaining team. Boycott National Public Service Week activities in your workplace and encourage your coworkers to do the same.

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