

June 11, 2007

TO PRESIDENTS OF ALL CUPE SOCIAL SERVICES LOCALS

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Re: FIRST CALL, CUPE National Social Services Meeting

We are pleased to invite you to CUPE's National Social Services Meeting. The meeting will be held November 21 – 23, 2007 at the Ottawa Marriott, which is located in the heart of downtown Ottawa. We are very excited about this initiative as it builds on our major strategic policy paper from our 2005 National Convention.

We view this event as a prime opportunity for activists, elected leaders, and staff from across the country to come together to discuss and develop strategies to the many challenges facing social services. The meeting will provide a platform to share experiences, choose priorities, and develop strategies for working together and moving forward at all levels of the union. The agenda and workshop information will be included in a future mailing.

A registration form for the national meeting is enclosed. Please complete and return as quickly as possible. Please note there is a limit of:

- 1 person from each local under 100 members
- 2 persons from each local over 100 members

There is no registration fee. However, locals are responsible for the costs of their delegates' leaves of absence, travel, accommodation, and other related costs. The meeting will be conducted in both official languages.

Some subsidy will be available to assist some small locals to participate in this national initiative. Please note that subsidies are not guaranteed, but will be considered in order to achieve regional and jurisdictional representation.

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The following information concerns travel and accommodation for the National Social Services Meeting:

Travel:

Discounts are available by booking through W.E. Travel. You must quote the Social Services Workers Meeting number **48Z7K3B1** to get discounts on Latitude, Latitude Plus and Tango Plus fares with Air Canada. Please contact W.E. Travel toll free at **1-888-676-7747**.

Meeting and Accommodation:

The meeting will be held at the **Marriott Ottawa, 100 Kent Street, Ottawa K1P 5R7**.

NOTE: The Marriott Ottawa is a non-smoking property. Smoking is not permitted on the premises or in any of the guest rooms.

Hotel Reservations:

Guestroom rates are **\$149.00 per night plus applicable taxes**. There are additional charges for high-speed Internet, parking and local phone calls. Individuals should make their reservations through the Reservations Department at **1-800-853-8463** or online at <http://marriott.com/hotels/travel/yowmc-ottawa-marriott/>.


IMPORTANT: When making reservations either by phone or online, participants must quote **group reservation code: CUNCUNA** to take advantage of our special guestroom rate. Reservations must be guaranteed by a valid major credit card. Guests can also pay in advance with a money order or certified cheque. Upon check-in, guests will be required to pay a \$50 deposit for incidental charges.

All reservations must be made no later than October 22, 2007. After this date, there will be no guarantee on hotel availability and CUPE negotiated rates.

In solidarity,



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National President



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National Secretary-Treasurer

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**REGISTRATION FORM
CUPE NATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING
OTTAWA, ONTARIO**

NOVEMBER 21 – 23, 2007

NOTE: The DEADLINE to register is October 22, 2007

Please note there is a limit of:

- 1 person from each local under 100 members
- 2 persons from each local over 100 members

NOTE: Separate registration forms must be submitted for each member attending the National Meeting.

(Please print)

Name: _____

Local Union #: _____

Mailing Address (# and street): _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone Home: _____ Work: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Your language preference for workshop:

- English
 French
 Bilingual (with simultaneous translation)

Lunch will be provided on November 22nd. To ensure everyone's safety, please list any allergies including special dietary needs, for example, allergy to nuts, lactose intolerant, vegetarian, etc.

Please mail your completed registration, child care and accessibility form to:

National President's Office
Canadian Union of Public Employees
Social Service Workers' Meeting
21 Florence St.
Ottawa, ON K2P 0W6
Fax: (613) 237-5508

Make additional copies as required.

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**CUPE NATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING
OTTAWA, ONTARIO**

NOVEMBER 21 – 23, 2007

Application for On-Site Child Care

(Please print)

Name: _____

Local Union # : _____

Mailing Address (# and street): _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone Home: _____ Work: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Name of child(ren)	Date of Birth	Languages spoken			Allergies	Special needs Diet, Medical, etc	Parental Contact Info
		English	French	Both			

Additional information:

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM NO LATER THAN THE DEADLINE DATE OF
OCTOBER 22, 2007. WE REGRET THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCOMMODATE
ANY CHILDREN WHO HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED BY THE DEADLINE DATE.**

Make additional copies as required.

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**CUPE NATIONAL SOCIAL SERVICES MEETING
OTTAWA, ONTARIO**

NOVEMBER 21 – 23, 2007

Application for Access and Services for Persons with Disabilities

Delegates attending the CUPE National Social Services Meeting who need assistance **WHEN THE MEETING IS IN SESSION** are required to complete this form.

CUPE will endeavour to make appropriate arrangements for all requests received **no later than the DEADLINE date of October 22, 2007.**

(Please Print)

Name: _____

Local Union #: _____

Mailing Address (# and street): _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone Home: _____ Work: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Chartered Organization (local, council, etc.): _____

Which of the following applies to you?

Wheelchair user:

- Motorized
- Manual
- Your personal care attendant will accompany you to the meeting.

Please provide the name and contact number of your attendant:

Name: _____

Telephone number: _____

NOTE: Delegates are responsible for arranging attendant care. The National Union will reimburse delegates for the payment of attendants' wages during regular meeting hours. It is the responsibility of the delegate/local union to pay attendant care costs outside of regular meeting hours.

Do you require conference material in:

- Computer disc File type (Word, PDF, etc.)
- CD Rom File type (Word, PDF, etc.)
- Braille
- Large print (specify): _____
- Other (specify): _____

Do you require sign language interpretation?

- ASL
- QSL
- Real-time captioning
- Other (specify): _____

- Do you require information about accessible transportation to and from the airport, train station, or bus terminal?

NOTE: Delegates/local unions are responsible for the arrangement and payment of accessible transportation costs.

Do you require assistance in the event of an emergency?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please provide details: _____

Please provide details on services you require that have not been covered:

Please keep in mind that CUPE will provide services at the meeting site and only while the meeting is in process. Outside activities are the responsibility of the delegate.

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