

A council meeting held on February 25th, 2016 discussed a motion from Councillor Parrish, which she withdrew. The motion was, "Regarding the Establishment of Human Resources and Staff Relations Advisory Committee."

The motion was regarded after a letter was sent from CUPE 966 to Chair Frank Dale and to the Regional Councillors.

CUPE 966 wrote, "[to] promote strong labour relations, subsequently avoiding senseless spending on lawyers to deal with day-to-day implementation of collective agreement and bargaining."

The letter in summary discussed saving money during bargaining. Also, the letter discussed the support of a Staff Relations Committee.

However, when the motion was taken to councillors, Councillor John Tovey of Ward () passed this motion, which was in favoured 9-8:

"Whereas there are adequate and appropriate committees, processes and policies in place, there is no requirement for any further committees with council representation or staff reports relating to a labour relations or human resources committee:

"Therefore be it resolved, that the matter of a new labour relations or human resources committee with council representation be considered during the next term of Regional Council, if the Council at that time so requests."

As a Local, we feel as though our needs are not being met. We as a Local, want to stand and fight for what we believe is beneficial for our Local.

We want our voice to be heard. Thus, a campaign will soon begin.

More details to follow.