

PRESIDENTS' TOUR 2012



"In five weeks, we succeeded in seeing more than 3,000 members. The opportunity to discuss and explain the difficulties we are confronted with was very enriching. Taking the time to talk and to share with members is essential to us. It keeps us grounded in reality, which is exactly what we need.

I want to personally thank all of the local executives for their help during the Presidents' Tour. Thank you, and be proud to be a correctional officer and a member of UCCO-SACC-CSN."

Pierre Mallette
National President

Mission accomplished

On August 20th, we set off on the Presidents' Tour with three important goals: to talk to our members about our contract negotiations and mobilization activities, to share members' concerns at the workplace, and to make it clear that UCCO-SACC-CSN is one strong union, from coast to coast. We are that strong union: 7,400 members working in 52 institutions spread across an immense territory.

In 5 weeks, we covered more than 14,000 kilometers and met face-

to-face with more than 3,000 correctional officers. National President Pierre Mallette noted the concerns of each member he met, giving him a clear picture of the reality we face in all of our penitentiaries.

After the Presidents' Tour arrived in Calgary in the Prime Minister's riding, more than 500 correctional officers joined us from across the country to send a clear message to Prime Minister Stephen Harper: we are letting Canadians know that his funding cuts put our safety at risk in our institutions

and everyone's safety at risk in our communities. After rallying in front of Mr. Harper's riding office, officers went door-to-door and spoke to his constituents. Canadians have a right to know that "our security is yours too".

This fall, we will continue to build on this success, spreading our message across the country and fighting for a good contract. To each and every member who participated in the tour, to each and every local executive that helped make the tour a success:

- ✓ Nova
- ✓ Springhill
- ✓ Dorchester
- ✓ Westmorland
- ✓ Atlantic Institution
- ✓ Port-Cartier
- ✓ Drummondville
- ✓ Donnacona
- ✓ Cowansville
- ✓ Montée St-François
- ✓ CFF
- ✓ Leclerc
- ✓ Joliette
- ✓ Ste-Anne-des-Plaines
- ✓ CRR
- ✓ Archambault
- ✓ La Macaza
- ✓ Joyceville
- ✓ Pittsburgh
- ✓ Kingston Pen
- ✓ RTC
- ✓ Frontenac
- ✓ Collins Bay
- ✓ Millhaven
- ✓ Bath
- ✓ Warkworth
- ✓ Fenbrook
- ✓ Beaver Creek
- ✓ Stony Mountain
- ✓ Rockwood
- ✓ RPC
- ✓ Willow Cree
- ✓ Okimaw Ohci
- ✓ Saskatchewan Pen
- ✓ Riverbend
- ✓ Rockwood
- ✓ Grierson Centre
- ✓ Drumheller
- ✓ Edmonton
- Calgary
- ✓ Grierson
- ✓ Bowden
- ✓ Pê Sâkâstêw
- ✓ Grande Cache
- ✓ William Head
- ✓ Fraser Valley
- ✓ Matsqui
- ✓ Mission
- ✓ Ferndale
- ✓ Kent
- ✓ Mountain
- ✓ Kwikwèxwelhp
- ✓ PI/RTC

thank you.

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“Pierre and I enjoyed meeting the members, nearly 500 of the 1,150 in the region. The tour showed us all that this is a national union and that the members know the importance of standing together to achieve our goals of a safe working environment and a collective agreement that recognizes that correctional officers are professionals performing a difficult job.”

“It is the first time in my service that we have had our National President visit every institution in the country. I was very proud of our region in that we got to host a national rally attended by 500 correctional officers from all across the country in front of the Prime Minister’s office. Members shared the concerns and challenges we face everyday with voters in the prime minister’s riding. Overall, the tour was a great success for our members, for our union, and for our fight to keep us safe.”

“We accomplished many goals during the President’s Tour of Ontario. We sent a clear message to two key ministers in our region. We clearly conveyed that we are less than satisfied with how this government communicates with the front line men and women--our members--who are tasked with the public’s safety. Our members understand that it will take patience, solidarity and informing the public to get this government to listen to our concerns.”

“The Presidents’ Tour was a brilliant success, leaving with us beautiful memories of the regional demonstration and the caravan of more than 60 motorcyclists! Meetings with members in Québec made it clear to me that while we are all committed to signing a collective agreement, we won’t do so at any price. We must hold the line. Above all, our members are concerned with safety issues in our institutions. Thank you for welcoming us, for your support, and for your important feedback.”

“We were happy to start the Presidents’ Tour off in the Maritimes. It was well received by our members and we were able to meet with over a third of the membership. It brought more solidarity to the region and I believe we are ready for the battle to get the contract that we deserve.”



One Strong Union
from coast to coast

