

EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMER 2020 SHOP STEWARD

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Well it has been a different kind of summer around the campus, unlike many of our members I have been working on campus as usual with my fellow Facilities Services workers. I think adjusting to the New Normal has been different for us, as our work mostly remained unchanged aside from new cleaning and social distancing protocols. Having an empty campus has been weird but has certainly made grounds keeping a breeze! I'm quite proud of the solidarity and support the grounds, maintenance, receiving and custodial crews have shown for one another during this time.

My stewarding duties have been lighter and heavier at the same time over the past few month. With many members working from home I haven't had many cases assigned to me, but the work I did do was advocating and providing support for members faced with layoffs. It was very sad at times to have members face the scary prospect of being without work in an already stressful time, but I know that the support of myself, the other stewards as well as the entire executive team was very meaningful to people.

I still rely on Erynne for a lot of guidance and mentoring as I go along, many situations are new to me and I want to ensure I'm providing the member with the right information and supporting them as effectively as I can. I do feel more capable the more cases I am assigned, my understanding of my role as steward and the Collective Agreement continue to grow, develop and improve.

Being an advocate and providing support to people in my community is important to me. The opportunity stewarding provides to develop genuine relationships with members from all over the college has been something that I really value personally.

Jesse Scott | Shop Steward

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