

HAVE YOU HEARD A RUMOUR ON YOUR WORKSITE  
ABOUT PRIVATIZATION OR CONTRACTING OUT?

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AUPE members have a long history of fighting privatization, and for good reason. I encourage you to help educate the public on the need for quality public services, and take part in your union by standing with us against further privatization.

*Guy Smith, AUPE President*

### **The public sector has consistently provided better service and public accountability in comparison to the private sector, and the research shows it.**

It's important for members like yourself to watch for any threats or rumours of privatization, and report them to an AUPE contact right away.

Any move to privatization not only affects our jobs, but it will also impact our communities. The need for profit within private companies means that employees often have lower wages and fewer benefits. This means people have less money to spend in the community, which is now going towards profits for CEOs and shareholders.

The loss of benefits results in a reduced quality of life, leaving employees working while sick instead of having time off, or less time to take care of sick family members.

Service quality standards may also decline as private companies cut corners to protect their bottom line. We all benefit from public services.

We would like to emphasize the importance of Local Sub Committees and all AUPE members in watching for and reporting privatization threats and rumours. Locals should have a communication system set up that allows the sharing of information to be fast and effective within the membership.

We are asking all members to get involved. Privatization affects your lives, your livelihoods, and in some cases your well-being. We need to be ready not only to report Privatization as it happens, but to oppose it as well. The Standing Committee will help with action plans prepared by your Local so that we can let the public know about ongoing Privatization, with the goal of stopping these threats. Knowledge that is gained about public services can become the power needed to defend them!

We hope you are aware that privatization can affect any of us, in any sector of the Union. We should prepare now, before it happens, instead of assuming our current job is "safe". Together, we can make a difference.

**Check for updated Anti-Privatization information on the Anti-Privatization Standing Committee website reached from the AUPE home page. [www.aupe.org](http://www.aupe.org)**