

October 24th, 2025

Mayor Brown, Deputy Mayor Jankov, Councillor Muttart, Councillor Beck, Councillor Tweel, Councillor Ramsay, Councillor Doiron, Councillor McAleer, Councillor MacKinnon, Councillor McCabe, and Councillor Bernard.

CUPE Local 830, Charlottetown Water and Sewer workers have been on strike for **88** days.

We are writing to Council to express our indignation at the City's statement yesterday to the media <u>only</u>, clearing Councillor Doiron of a conflict of interest. The City did not have enough respect to answer our concerns in our letter on October 17th, instead responding to the media (see attached).

- We want to challenge this decision. What are the next official steps?
- In the CBC article (see attached), the City stated that a legal review of the *Municipal Government Act* was completed. **Is this the same legal counsel on the City's bargaining team?** If so, we see this as another conflict of interest.
- In the CBC article, the City stated: "The connection between Councillor Doiron and Landmark Construction is considered too remote to meet the legislative threshold for conflict. [...] open to legal interpretation and considers many factors."
 - O How can it be too remote when Councillor Doiron's daughter and son-inlaw are both involved in Landmark Construction, who did our work during the strike? The son-in-law is the majority shareholder of Landmark Construction and Councillor Doiron's daughter signs the annual returns and is a contact person with the provincial government.
 - During the strike, Landmark did a water interconnect off our 20-inch main into Valley Crossing. Then they did a sewer interconnect off our existing infrastructure into Valley Crossing.
 - Any work off our existing infrastructure is CUPE Local 830's work.
 We are the ones who do the interconnects.

The complete disregard and disrespect towards our local, our members, and may we remind you, your employees, is astounding.

It is time for you to take this opportunity to give your bargaining team a new mandate to end this strike now.

Rob Howatt, on behalf of the members of CUPE Local 830

Attachments:

CBC (2025, October 23), <u>Charlottetown finds no conflict for councillor in vote related to</u> water and sewer strike

Radio-Canada (2025, October 23), <u>Conflit d'intérêts : la Ville de Charlottetown blanchit le conseiller Bob Doiron</u>