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UPSE President Elected to Second Term

Shelley Ward has been elected to a second term as President of the Union of Public Sector Employees (UPSE). There were 4700 ballots mailed out to union members in good standing. Of the 1876 votes that were returned, President Ward received 1099, Debbie Bovyer received 511, and Elwood Goodwin received 242. The results give President Ward the mandate with 59% of the votes cast and a new three year term as President.

The President of the Union of Public Sector Employees, Shelley Ward, is grateful for the show of support from the membership in this election and thanks everyone who participated. "We have achieved much over the past three years. Let's continue to work together to build a stronger union and improve the lives of workers in both the public and private sectors in Prince Edward Island," said Ward.

Ward stressed that upcoming initiatives for UPSE include lobbying the province for the introduction of pension legislation, continuing to address the recruitment and retention of health care workers, enhancing casual workforce rights, and raising awareness about the critical need for an effective employment insurance program.

The PEI Union of Public Sector Employees is the largest labour union in the province. It represents over 5000 members in both the public and private sectors.