

# HALIFAX WORKERS' ACTION CENTRE

Educate. Agitate. Organize.



## HAPPY NEW YEAR! LOOKING BACK ON 2021

2021 presented challenges for workers and the Halifax-WAC was there to help! Calls flooded in about owed wages, discrimination, unsafe conditions (including non-compliance with COVID regulations), wrongful dismissals and more.

We helped file several complaints, wrote 30+ demand letters, and helped workers win a total of **\$25,000** in settlements. We helped workers speak out, and wrote an article that **went viral** about anti-union animus at [Wynn Park Villa!](#)

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Halifax-WAC had a successful Annual General Meeting on October 20th. We heard from several excellent speakers including members of the N.S. labour community, WAC volunteers, and workers we assisted in 2021.

We discussed what we've accomplished over the last year including servicing, legal-aid, media work and advocacy. We also shared updates about our new membership structure.



## FIRED FOR HAVING A HEART ATTACK



*"I was exposed to asbestos for the duration of my employment, which my doctor believes led to my heart attack. I was fired before I'd even recovered, leaving me homeless in a very difficult time. I lost everything in my apartment including the only baby photos I had of my daughter.*

*The Halifax Workers' Action Centre has been a light at the end of a very dark tunnel. They are helping me get justice when nobody else would."*

- Noel O'Reilly



## STATEMENT FROM DANNY CAVANAUGH

*"COVID-19 has shown us that now, more than ever, workers in Nova Scotia deserve better. With low unionization rates, high legal fees, and poor workplace protections, many in the province lack the resources they need to fight back.*

*It is therefore no surprise that the Halifax Workers' Action Centre is overwhelmed with calls. The steady increase in demand demonstrates both the value of the organization and the widespread issue of workplace injustice.*

*If you are able, I encourage you to donate. It is in the interest of our community to support the Halifax Workers' Action Centre and the people who depend on them."*

**- Danny Cavanaugh**

President, Nova Scotia Federation of Labour

## HELP NEEDED

Thank you to our wonderful donors! Your contributions enabled us to hire our part-time organizer in 2021, who answers all phone calls and emails, writes demand letters, files official complaints, coordinates events and educational workshops, and more.

To continue her employment in 2022, and sustain our organization, more funds are urgently needed. The Halifax-WAC is asking for your support.

**All donations help us help workers fight back!**



## DONATE TODAY

Donations can be made on one-time or monthly basis and will help us assist and unite workers in the fight for fairness.

Click [here](#) to donate via PayPal.

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To enquire about other methods, please call us at 902-221-0755 or email [halifaxwac@gmail.com](mailto:halifaxwac@gmail.com).

Thanks and in solidarity,  
The Halifax-WAC