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Administrative employees of the Canada Council for the Arts join PSAC

OTTAWA – On Friday, March 14, 2008, the Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) filed an application for certification of the support employees of the Canada Council for the Arts.

The Canada Council for the Arts is currently reviewing its internal structure, which will change its working environment, but the consequences of this are difficult to anticipate for the time being. Many workers at the Council are concerned about the changes that could occur, especially with respect to their job classification. By organizing, they will be able to speak to the management of the Council with one voice and express their concerns about the review process.

“You may recall that the Council went ahead with massive layoffs in the early 1990s to reduce its operating budget. Many employees with numerous years of service lost their jobs. By organizing, workers will enjoy greater job security,” pointed out Ed Cashman, the Regional Executive Vice-President of PSAC.

“PSAC will ensure that the Canada Council for the Arts will respect the rights of support employees. The Council will have no choice but to manage its working environment based on the principles of justice and equality that the union movement defends,” added Ed Cashman.

Since 1997, PSAC has been representing professionals with the Council for the Arts, who have just renewed their collective agreement. PSAC is already representing more than 1500 workers in the arts and culture field in Canada.

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