

## Peter Thompson

### An advocate for human rights:

Peter Thompson lives in Windsor and works at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC).

A longtime union activist, Peter was instrumental in launching OPSEU's Workers of Colour Caucus and was its first chair. He's been involved with his local, the central MPAC bargaining team, and the provincial human rights committee.

Peter made his mark early, winning as a high school student the Mac Hey Award, Award of Merit from H.B. Beal

Secondary School London in 1984. "My activism started back in college when I was elected as class representative 1986," Peter recalls.

A highly motivated worker and activist, Peter believes "human rights are fundamental to all our members. Our policy in the Union is to ensure that every member is treated fairly, with dignity and respect."

A graduate of UBC, real property administration, Peter is property assessor by trade but a real estate appraiser by profession.

Peter graduated from University of Ottawa Human Rights College in 1994. He has been very active at within OPSEU, particularly as a human rights representative and advocate. He has been a steward at MPAC since 1991, human rights facilitator since 1994, served as local vice-president 1996-98, and a member of the MPAC bargaining teams (2000, 2003)

In 1993, Peter was the first Human Rights Rep, elected to the OPSEU's first



Human Rights Committee, and was vice-chair of the PHRC 1996. His passion for human rights, and his sound working knowledge of the union, enabled him to be an effective advocate for human rights within the union and in the workplace.

With Peter's participation, OPSEU's PHRC developed the union's first Human Rights course as well as OPSEU's first Human Rights Policy, which has grown to be OPSEU's Harassment and Discrimination Policy.

He has participated in various OPSEU educationals including Train the Trainer, Building

Powerful Locals, Leadership training and other courses.

"I will continue to uphold the principles of Human Rights. My past achievements are a direct indication of my ability, commitment and dedication," Peter says.

Peter has had a successful career in the field of property assessment. His credentials include:

- Appraisal Institute of Canada, Canadian Residential Appraiser Designation, 2003
- CRA, Real Property Assessment, University of British Columbia, 1998
- Certificate; Urban Affairs and Real Estate, Fanshawe College, 1988
- Diploma, Credited for A.M.C.T.O. Appraisal Institute of Canada CRA

Peter is also active in the community, as head coach of the F.C. Nationals/Windsor Selects travel soccer club (under 9 boys); and is himself a competitive soccer player, who also plays golf and hockey.