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Follow-up on data breach and Équifax

Last week, following the theft of data of thousands of users of Desjardins, the Syndicat des communications de Radio-Canada asked the employer to extend the surveillance of credit and insurance in case of identity theft for a 5 years period, provided by Equifax. Radio-Canada has rejected that demand, arguing the two cases are not similar. According to Radio-Canada, all the victims have been advised on the nature of the information that was stolen, few identity thefts have occurred since, and the link to the original data breach is impossible to confirm. Radio-Canada says they are fulfilling their legal obligations. The police investigation is ongoing, we don't have further details. The union will evaluate its options in the coming days. •

Casuals

The topic of the casuals was a hot one this week. Thursday, a union task force met with the employer to discuss several issues that have come up since the signature of the new collective agreement. The executives present at the meeting said they would gather quickly to talk about possible accommodations to alleviate the problems. They also said they want to keep on working with the union to find solutions in the future. Thursday as well, another meeting took place to talk about the dental and health benefits — that are not extended to everyone who qualify. We will have further information on this topic in the coming weeks. •

The printed version of the collective agreement

Alas, it is coming: the printed version of the collective agreement has been ordered, after a final review by the employer this week. Printing could take between 7 to 14 days, so everyone should have a copy by the end of July, just in time to read it at the beach (or not).

Meeting with Luce Julien

There was a first meeting with the new executive director of Radio-Canada News and Current Affairs. It lead to good talks. Among the topics that were discussed: digital production, staff reduction in the information department to the benefit of the radio and television general departments. Another topic was discussed: since July 2nd, there is a call for podcasts projects, that includes humour, drama but also investigation and information. But the collective agreement does not allow production by contractual employees. There were also no mention of knowing and respecting the journalistic standards and practices. Luce Julien said she would look into the matter and would follow up on that. •

Micro-events

We will be organizing small scale events, to get people to do activities together — no union talk, just playing petanque or doing yoga, and get to know each other a bit more. You will see the events popping up in the union Facebook group. Wait, you are not a member? What are you waiting for? https://www.facebook.com/groups/nousommes3000/ (Facebook is not your thing? We catch your drift: we will sending reminders here!) •





