



OPSEU Local 217  
The Niagara Parks

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## Sailing in uncharted seas... Some news from the President!

Rob Atkin

The Niagara Parks Commission has definitely dealt with better times. There have been many firsts for the Parks this year as well as for the Union. Many issues that the Union have and are still dealing with include layoffs of full time members, reduced hours for full time members, and facilities closing seasonally as well as permanently. There are many opinions to what have caused these issues, but whatever the reason, the Union is reacting and dealing with each issue individually as they arise. The Executive and the Stewards are working overtime as we are all sailing on uncharted seas with many issues. We are working to find a constant for all members in every issue. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call your Union Steward

Convention 2004 has been scheduled for April 15-17, at the Sheraton Center in Toronto. Local 217 will elect 3 delegates and 2 alternates again this year, at the General Membership Meeting February 25, 2004.

Seasonal Joint Job Evaluation (JJE) is moving forward. All seasonal members should expect to receive their job description in the mail within the month, along with a letter advising you of a meeting date to discuss this description and procedure.

Negotiations for the Parks are about to start. Dates for the first meeting are scheduled to start in the second or third week of February. We will advise dates as they are given to us and hopefully will have these dates to report at the next membership meeting. The Parks Police have negotiated their contract and have settled.

In Solidarity

### Mark this date on the calendar

#### General membership meeting

Wednesday, February 25

7:00 PM

Fire fighters club

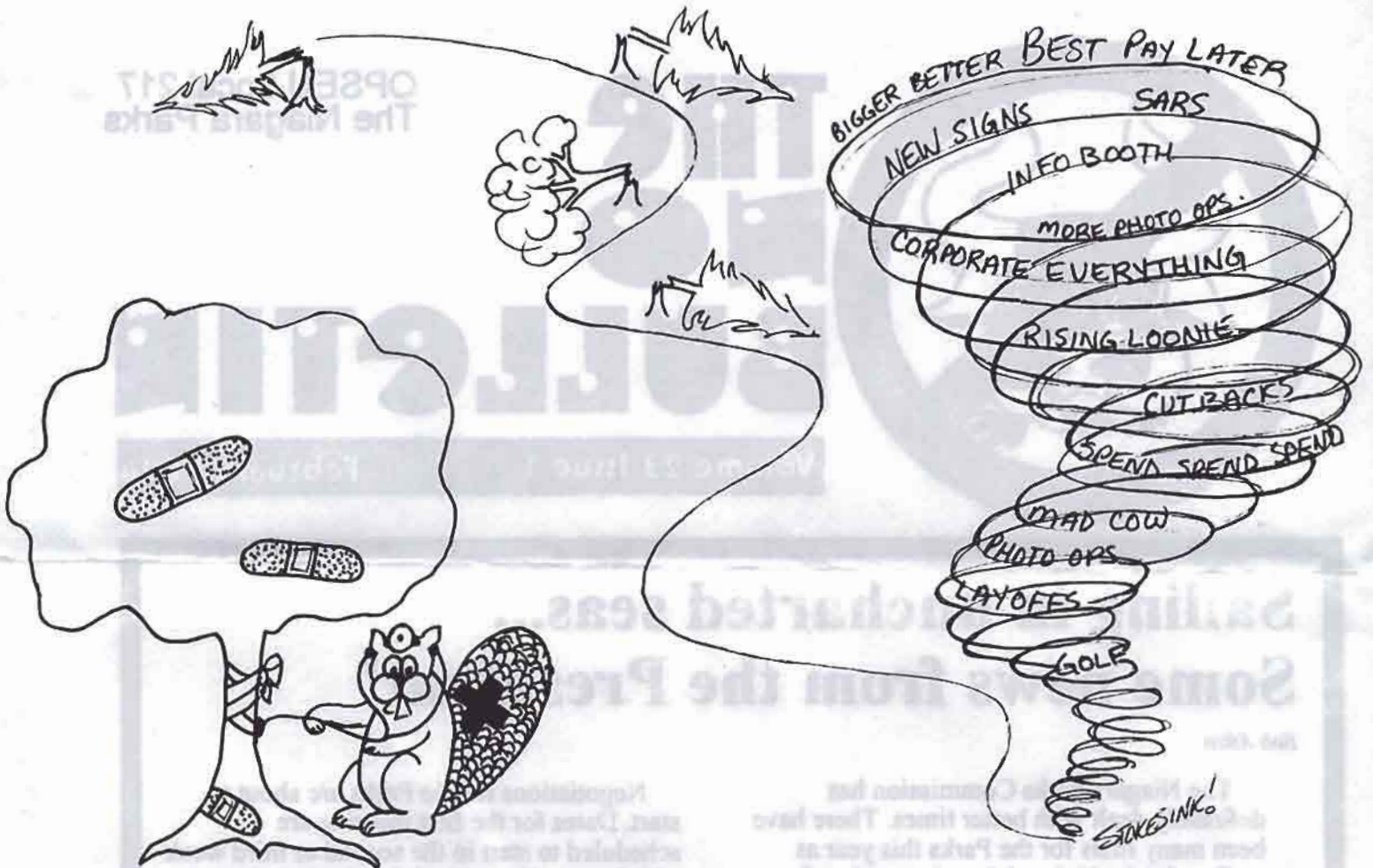
Orchard and Dixon

*Election of 3 delegates and 2 alternates for  
convention which is April 15-17 at the Sheraton  
Center in Toronto*

\*\*\*\*\* Updates \*\*\*\*\*

\* What's up \* JJE \* Questions \*





**Picking up the pieces after 'Hurricane Brian'**

**Our Motto (Besides No Bull!)**

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**What's with the Mini-Bull?**

Sorry about the condensed version of the newsletter this issue folks but deadline came and went with only the president submitting a report. (and it was late, by the way!)

Things have been pretty hectic for everyone lately. We have lots of stuff in the works however we couldn't get it together before we had to go to press. We felt it was more important that we get out a meeting notice to everyone so they can schedule their plans around attending. (*Hint Hint*) the upcoming General Membership Meeting February 25 at the Fire fighters club. We will have updates for you on what's going on with the Parks and the seasonal JJE. We hope to see you at the meeting!