



Bloodletters

A Bargaining Bulletin for OPSEU Members at Canadian Blood Services

Strike deadline set for support staff

Still far apart on wages and bargaining unit integrity

Your CBS support staff bargaining team was at the table for two long days July 6 and 7.

Progress was made on job security and health and safety. However, we are still far apart on wages and the issue of preventing the further erosion of full-time jobs in the bargaining unit.

Strike deadline set

We have now been informed that the No Board report was issued July 8. We will be in a legal strike position at 12:01 a.m. Monday, July 25. Now that the No Board Report has been issued, we are in mediation. Our conciliation officer, Michelle Ryan, will still be working with the parties to achieve a deal.

We will be back at the bargaining table on July 14 and 15. If necessary, your team is prepared to work through the weekend.

From across the province...

On July 4, Local 477 held a "Hot Dog Day" in support of the bargaining team. Members have been wearing their OPSEU lanyards and buttons. On June 28 and 29, Locals 160 and 210 had a very successful "Wear Your OPSEU Blue" campaign!

Members at Local 210 have also been wearing OPSEU t-shirts every day the team is bargaining. Members at Local 5103 have also been wearing OPSEU lanyards, pens and buttons.



"The union demands are much too reasonable. I need something I can reject out of hand."

Thanks to all of you across the province for the support! Now is not the time to let up the pressure. It's more important than ever to show your support. We're planning a "Solidarity Blue" day Thurs. July 14. We're asking everyone to wear blue or blue OPSEU gear to work to show the employer your support for the team! If your centre has a uniform policy in place please wear either the button or a blue ribbon.

Your CBS Bargaining Teams

Technologists

(Locals 210 and 5101)

- Steven O'Marra (L5101)
- Shirley Johnny (L210)
- Sheila Annett (L5101)

Support Unit

(Locals 160, 210, 477, 5103)

- Katherine Zan (L160)
- Brenda Thompson (L210)
- Kelly Tibbles (L477)
- Mirla Alvarado Fenn (L5103)
- Dino Gus Kourlas (L5103)

Thunder Bay Plasma

(Local 716)

- Jennie Hartviksen
- Joanne Bruni
- Kelly Borchardt