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**OPSEU Local 278**  
**Bargaining Bulletin**

## It's Time to Turn up the Heat!

We have now concluded the last three scheduled days of bargaining with little results. There was almost no face to face bargaining. Much of the time was spent waiting while management came up with a comprehensive proposal on the non-monetary package. This was finally produced Friday afternoon but not much had changed in their package.

On a positive note some of the Employer's worst non monetary proposals are now off the table.

The Union team stayed to discuss a response to management's non-monetary package and we have a position ready to table when we next meet with the Employer.

We have agreed that we will begin discussing the monetary package when we meet next on April 6th. This does not mean we are abandoning the remainder of our non-

monetary proposals. Some very important issues remain such as transfer of seniority from full time to part time; Job Security provisions such as lay-off and recall and both sites being treated as one for the purposes of the collective agreement.



These important issues will have to be addressed as part of the financial package. The team believes that these issues are Strike Issues.

So while continuing to work to get a collective agreement we will now be moving into beefing up our strike preparedness. President Jody Hutton is in the process of contacting members to serve on the Strike Sub-committees: Finance, Communications and Strike Duties. The overall Strike Committee will be chaired by Sister Hutton and is comprised of her, the Negotiator/Representative, the Chairs of the Finance, Communications and Strike Duties Committees, the local Treasurer and a member selected from and by the Negotiating Committee.

We will be signing up members for Strike Pay this week. A notice will be up on the bulletin boards and sent through e-mail. If we do not have your e-mail address call the mobilizing office to give it to us.

We still believe we can get a just deal without a work stoppage but we have to be ready if the Employer proves us wrong to do **WHATEVER IT TAKES!**

### Sign Up for strike pay

Thursday and Friday

7-5pm

Knights Inn  
6276 Main St (@ Murray), Rm 128,  
Niagara Falls

**Phone:**

Niagara Casino 1- 905.351.6342  
Niagara Casino 2 - 905.351.8711

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### Next Bargaining Dates

- April 6
- April 10th
- April 12th