

# Security ALERT

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## A message from a member of your Bargaining Team

The following is an update of the bargaining that is presently occurring with Casino Niagara/Fallsview Casino.

The team has met with the employer for approximately (9) days. There has been very little progress and it is a surprisingly slow process. The employer has consistently turned down many of the members proposals, In their opinion the proposal is pie in the sky.

Please keep in mind that monetary issues have not been addressed. However very few status quo articles have been agreed to.

I was selected to sit on the bargaining team in order to have someone there to represent the part-time members. To date, the employer has not addressed any of the part-time proposals. When the employer was asked to address the part-time issues in writing, to be ready for the next bargaining

date, the employer advised that they were not sure if they would even do that.

I am not a union steward (so I have no axe to grind) and haven't ever bargained with an employer of this nature. My bargaining experience in the past was completely different, for example:



"you give us this and we will give you that." Let me assure the members that is not happening at this table.

This article is to let the members know what the progress of the bargaining is, and that special

attention is being paid to the part-time members.

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Bargaining Team

### No to Takeaways! Lieu Days

In the first contract you lost the right to take an alternate lieu day off with pay if you were on your day off on a Statutory Holiday.

Now management wants to pay the lieu days you have left at holiday pay rather than a normal days pay. That means that if you missed work for any reason in the weeks prior to the holiday you wouldn't get a full day's pay for the lieu day.

Your team is working to win back the option for lieu time lost in the last round of bargaining.

Tell the Employer you won't settle for lower holiday pay!

Support you team with **Whatever It Takes** to win a just contract.

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**OPSEU Local  
278  
Info Picket**

**Friday**

**March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 PM**

**at Fallsview**

**Casino in**

**Niagara Falls**

**REAL**

or

**rumour**



**Nobody's Friend**

**My name is Gossip.**

**I have no respect for Justice.**

**I maim without killing.**

**I break hearts and ruin lives.**

**I am cunning and malicious and gather strength with age.**

**The more I am quoted the more I am believed.**

**My victims are helpless. They cannot protect themselves against me because I have no name and no face.**

**To track me down is impossible. The harder you try, the more elusive I become.**

**I am nobody's friend.**

**Once I tarnish a reputation, it is never the same.**

**I topple governments and wreck marriages.**

**I ruin careers and cause sleepless nights, heartaches and indigestion. I make innocent people cry in their pillows.**

**I make headlines and headaches.**

**Before you repeat a story, ask yourself:**

**Is it true?**

**Is it harmless?**

**Is it necessary?**

**If it isn't, don't repeat it.**

The time has come to show our solidarity. We are asking all members to show management that we are one by joining your co-workers in an information picket. We want to send a message to management that we want a **FAIR DEAL!**

**Don't Gamble with Your Job**