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Elgin signs tentative agreement Negotiations continue in the west

Elgin Association for Community Living and Local 151 signed a tentative agreement today.

Negotiations are scheduled for workers at four other striking developmental services locals in western Ontario including Meaford.

The other three Region 1 locals in the London area have talks scheduled Aug. 10-11.Negotiations continue at London today; Middlesex and Chatham Aug. 11.The lack of a back-to-work protocol is the main obstacle to the end of these strikes.

Members of Local 448, Community Living Prince Edward, picket the agency's office on King Street in Picton. Photo courtesy Local 448

Community Living Meaford and Local 235 will be at the bargaining table today to try and resolve a strike that has lasted almost three weeks.

Also today, workers at Local 161, Community Living Tillsonburg, returned to work after almost two weeks in the picket lines.

"Our negotiators are hard at work and we are pushing hard for a settlement to these strikes," OPSEU President Warren (Smokey) Thomas said.

In Prince Edward, where 150 members of Local 448 are on strike, wages are 25-30 per cent lower than those with comparable employers. Health and safety of workers and scheduling are also major issues of concern.

Send us your photos, stories

Do you have pictures of developmental services picket line or mobilizing events? Any great stories? We may wish to publish these in our newsletter. Please send to: dcox@opseu.org

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