



Developments ON THE LINE

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Back to the table in Picton

The bargaining team for Local 448, Community Living Prince Edward, is back to the table today in what negotiators hope will be the push towards a settlement in the week-long strike.

Workers in Prince Edward were joined this week on the lines by Irene Harris, Vice-President of the Ontario Federation of Labour.

Developmental services workers remain on strike in two locations, London (Local 144) and Prince Edward. More than 600 OPSEU members are still on strike in these two communities.

In London, calls have begun for the resignation of the community living board, and an executive director who simply cannot seem to put personal feelings aside and negotiate an end to an eight-week strike.

“The government should immediately remove the board and fire the executive director of Community Living London,” said Region 1 Executive Board Member Ron Elliot. He noted that the employer’s extra cost during a strike - overtime, legal bills, scabs, security, etc. - is ultimately borne by the government and taxpaying citizens.

Local 146 in Goderich, Community Living Central Huron, missed going on strike by a matter of hours.

“Although we never had to hit the picket line, OPSEU Local 146 was ready to go,” explains

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In Norfolk, Local 221 has negotiations scheduled before a strike date of Aug. 27. Photo: OPSEU files, courtesy Local 221

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Kathryn Wettlaufer, President of Local 146. “On August 12 we ratified a new collective agreement twelve hours before our strike deadline of 12:01 a.m. August 13.”

“We would like to express our deepest appreciation to our sisters and brothers who have had to strike, or are still on strike. This most certainly convinced our employer that because of this solidarity, we also were prepared to go,” she said.



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