



# Developments ON THE LINE

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## Tentative deals signed in London, Picton

Strikes at community living agencies in London and Picton may soon be over as tentative agreements have been reached between the union and the employer in both agencies.

In London, 450 developmental services workers on strike received news of a tentative deal just minutes ago. They will have the chance to ratify that agreement this afternoon. Negotiators report that an acceptable back-to-work protocol was also achieved.

Meanwhile, the bargaining team for Local 448, Community Living Prince Edward, reached a tentative deal Aug. 15 after a 14-hour bargaining session.

The 150-member developmental services unit based in Picton has now been on strike just over one week.

A ratification vote is scheduled for Friday Aug. 17, in the morning.

The strike in London began June 23, and was the longest of seven strikes in the sector this summer.

“Our members have really raised the bar,” said OPSEU President Smokey Thomas. “Throughout these seven strikes, OPSEU members have remained steadfast and focused on their goals.”

“The wage and other improvements already achieved will help rebuild the sector and improve the quality of life for the people our members support.

“These have been tough strikes, but you took a tremendous step forward because you were willing to walk a picket line for fairness,” said Thomas.



“Our work matters:” Members are back to work in five agencies. Two more strikes could end by tomorrow. Brian Willer, photo

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