



Developments ON THE LINE

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“You raised the bar!” -Thomas



OPSEU developmental service workers stood strong for fairness and quality services for eight weeks this summer. Photo Steve Patterson.

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The last of seven striking developmental services units will be returning to work after ratifying a new three-year collective agreement today.

Members of Local 448 in Picton voted to ratify a new three-year collective agreement this morning. The deal had substantial wage and non-monetary language improvements.

Workers at Community Living Prince Edward will now return to work after a strike lasting just over one week.

Similarly, Local 144 London ratified a new collective agreement yesterday. Community Living London workers will also begin to return to work after a gruelling summer of picketing.

Meanwhile, Local 332, in South Simcoe, has also signed a tentative agreement.

"I am so proud of the 1,300 OPSEU members who stood as one in solidarity with their brothers and sisters not only in front of their workplaces, but in Ottawa, in Toronto, and wherever they needed to go, to be heard," said OPSEU President Warren (Smokey) Thomas.

"OPSEU members achieved tremendous gains in this round because of their willingness to stand their ground and fight for fairness, and for quality services," he said.

This round is not over

Contracts have expired in many other OPSEU developmental services units across Ontario. Many have held strike votes. Local 221 at Norfolk Association for Community Living are still negotiating and have a strike date set for Aug. 27. The unit in Stratford has also requested a no-board report.



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