



Developments ON THE LINE

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Tentative deal in Norfolk

Developmental services units around the province remain active as this round of bargaining continues.

Right now there are no strikes but plenty of activity.

Norfolk

In Norfolk, a tentative agreement was reached Aug. 23 between Local 221 and the employer. A ratification vote on the three-year deal is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 27.

Highlights include: wage increases in each of three years; improvements to the cents in lieu for part-timers; improvements to the RRSP plan for the full-timers; and mileage improvements. Expiry is March 31, 2010.

Stratford

Members of Local 141, Stratford Community Living Unit, have a strike deadline of Sept. 4. Members met Aug. 23 to assign strike duties and sign up for strike pay. Mediation is scheduled for Aug. 28.

Kenora

In Kenora, Local 702 has filed a labour board complaint of bargaining in bad faith charges against the employer. Members had asked for financial disclosure which was not provided at the table. Conciliation is scheduled for Oct. 16-17.

North Perth

In Listowel, Local 226 has filed unfair labour practices charges around the requirement to provide information to the bargaining agent, and also on a violation of the freeze provisions in the Labour Relations Act. The contract expired March 31, 2007.



Local 221, shown here in an information picket earlier this summer, now has a tentative agreement. Photo Courtesy Local 221

New members join!

People want to be a part of a winning team! In Elmira, another community living unit has joined the OPSEU family. Staff at Elmira and District Community Living voted 81 per cent to join OPSEU.

About 140 new full-time and part-time members will join the sector. These new members were inspired by OPSEU's willingness to step up and make sacrifices for fairness and for quality services. OPSEU members set the bar, and developmental service workers across the province have noticed.

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