



# Developments ON THE LINE

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## Deal in Stratford ratified

Bargaining continues for many developmental service units around the province and great gains are being made by workers.

OPSEU members have taken bold steps forward in this round with agreements on wages and working conditions that go a long way to closing the gap between themselves and other workers.

Activity continues in the sector this week as more new deals were ratified.

### Stratford

Members of Local 141, Stratford Community Living Unit, signed a tentative agreement three-year earlier this week averting a possible strike. The deal was ratified by the members Aug. 30. The unit was fully prepared to make the necessary sacrifices to get a deal. But agencies now know that OPSEU members are prepared to stand firm and do

whatever it takes to achieve fairness.

### Norfolk

In Norfolk, a tentative three-year agreement was ratified Aug. 27 between Local 221 and the employer, Norfolk Association for Community Living.



The commitment and sacrifices made by striking OPSEU members this summer enabled the entire sector to make huge gains.

### South Simcoe

In Alliston, Local 332 Community Living South Simcoe has also ratified a new collective agreement with exceptional gains.

### Solidarity is key

“Developmental service workers have spoken with one voice for fairness,” said OPSEU President Warren (Smokey) Thomas. “The sacrifices made by our members this summer put this sector on the map. As a result, we are seeing positive results all across the province.”

“Union solidarity was the key to achieving these historic agreements.”

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