



Developments ON THE LINE

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“Keep up the pressure:” Thomas

OPSEU President Warren (Smokey) Thomas is encouraging members to keep up the pressure on the Liberal government after yesterday’s big demonstration of solidarity in Toronto.

More than 200 OPSEU members, including developmental services workers from six striking units in Western Ontario, brought their message to a convention centre on Front Street yesterday in a solid show of support. They met briefly with Labour Minister Steve Peters.

“The Liberals must be really feeling the heat now, so let’s keep it up,” Thomas said. “The hard work OPSEU members are doing right now across the province and on the lines will bring us to the fair settlement we are looking for,” he said.



OPSEU members from six Western Ontario units demonstrate in Toronto July 30 outside a conference where Labour Minister Steve Peters was in attendance. Photo: Brian Willer



“Liberal Labour Minister Steve Peters attends conference on labour peace”

Tillsonburg joins the struggle

Members from Local 161 Community Living Tillsonburg became the sixth unit to go on strike this past weekend.

The 120 Tillsonburg members bring the number of OPSEU members now on strike to more than 1,150 of the 6,600 OPSEU developmental services workers across Ontario.

They join workers at community living agencies in London, Chatham, St. Thomas and Strathroy, who have been on strike almost six weeks, and those in Meaford, out a week.

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The list is growing: make a donation

Any strike that goes on for more than a few weeks becomes a financial hardship for the members on the picket line. These strikes are no different.

President Thomas is calling on all OPSEU locals and sectors to make a financial donation to the Hardship Relief Committees of the striking locals.

On behalf of our 1,150-plus members on strike, thank you to the following for their financial support;

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Send us your photos

Do you have pictures of members of your developmental services local or events? We would like to publish a great photo every day. Please send photos to: dcox@opseu.org

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