



# Developments ON THE LINE

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## Rock steady on the lines

In London, in Chatham, in St. Thomas and in Strathroy, members have been rock steady for six weeks on the line.

In Meaford and Tillsonburg, members have joined the fight and are solid.

In Prince Edward and Central Huron, workers are making preparations for action.

“The members have been incredible,” says Warren (Smokey) Thomas, OPSEU President. “I’m proud of the way OPSEU has stood up for fairness and quality service for the people our members care for.”



Members of Local 235 picket at Community Living Meaford. Photo Ted Loughead.

### Call, fax and e-mail the politicians

This is a provincial election year. Election Day is Oct. 10. Now is the time to call, fax or e-mail your MPP urgently. Tell your local provincial politician that developmental service workers deserve a fair wage to continue to provide quality services. Keep up the pressure!

Addresses for all MPPs can be found at the Legislative Assembly’s web site: [www.ontla.on.ca](http://www.ontla.on.ca). Also make sure you contact the following:

Premier Dalton McGuinty at:  
[dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org](mailto:dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org)

Community and Social Services Minister  
Madeleine Meilleur at:  
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## Your donations are appreciated! Here's how to help

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

“The purpose of any trade union is to share the burden of struggle among all its members so all members can make progress,” says Thomas.

“Your contribution to the battle being waged by developmental services workers will play a big role in their

inevitable success. Thank you in advance for your generosity and solidarity.”

Note: For Region 1 locals, please send all donations to the addresses in the chart below, pro-rating your donation according to the percentages indicated. Donations to Local 235, in Region 2, are equally important but separate from this arrangement. Here are the details on where to send your donations:

Local number	Make cheque payable to:	Mailing address	# of members	Per cent of total	Donation per striking local
144	OPSEU Local 144 Strike Support	c/o Deb Morphew, 579 Classic Drive, London, ON N5W 5X9	565	50 %	Your total Region 1 donation x 0.5
148	OPSEU Local 148 Strike Support	c/o Wayne Easterbrook, Unit #1, 57 St. Anthony St., Chatham, ON N7M 3Y2	227	20 %	Your total Region 1 donation x 0.2
151	OPSEU Local 151 Strike Support	c/o Annie Robert, 177 Manitoba Street, St. Thomas, ON N5P 3A5	215	20 %	Your total Region 1 donation x 0.2
161	OPSEU Local 161 Strike Support	c/o Nancy John, 185084 Cornell Road, R.R. #3, Tillsonburg, ON N4G 4G8	115	10 %	Your total Region 1 donation x 0.1
235	Local 235 Strike Fund	Local 235 Strike Headquarters 4 Sykes St. Meaford, ON N4L 1V5	44	NA – separate donation from Region 1 locals	NA – separate donation from Region 1 locals

### Send us your photos, stories

Do you have pictures of developmental services picket line or mobilizing events? Any great stories? We may wish to publish these in our newsletter. Please send to: [dcox@opseu.org](mailto:dcox@opseu.org)



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