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## A Newsletter for the OPSEU Members of the Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion

**Bargaining Bulletin #4**

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### **BARGAINING GETS UNDERWAY**

Your bargaining team met with the Employer on June 23 to 26. The first day the parties exchanged our documents. We are now in the process of exchanging positions with the management team on various non-monetary issues such as seniority, job postings, job security and labour-management relations.

We have told the Employer that successor rights, which is keeping what we already have, is an important issue for us.

The mood at the table is positive. There was common ground on a number of items and others were close enough that a little effort was all it took to reach agreement.

We are making headway to achieve the foundations of a first collective agreement.

This will not be a fast process. Because this is a first agreement, everything - all working terms and conditions - has to be negotiated. There is still a lot of work left to finalize an agreement.

We will be back at the bargaining table on September 22 to 25. Unfortunately, due to summer schedules, this is earliest we can return to the table.

In solidarity,

Your Bargaining Team

Dean Wiley (Chair)  
Sabrina Young (Vice Chair)  
Ellen Goslin  
Nino Lombardi  
Mary Morrison

Authorised for distribution:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Warren Thomas", written in a cursive style.

Warren (Smokey) Thomas