

Members finalize demands; bargaining kicks off Dec. 3

Negotiations toward your next collective agreement are about to begin.

Some 55 OPSEU members from MPAC offices across Ontario met in Toronto Nov. 16-17 to finalize and prioritize contract demands for the upcoming round. Talks with the employer begin Dec. 3, 2002.

Anticipating more layoffs when the current protocol expires, delegates ranked job security as their number one priority. Other priorities include wages, benefits, protection of the work of the bargaining unit, and work assignments/workload/staffing.

Lobby campaign in fine form

OPSEU members at MPAC are running a great municipal lobby campaign in support of quality assessment services.

A report-back and planning session held Nov. 16 just before the demand-setting meeting revealed a campaign that is firing on all cylinders. According to member reports, over 230 municipal councils have been contacted. At least 20 have already passed the OPSEU resolution. Dozens more appear set to consider it at their next council meeting.

Many members are speaking to municipal councillors, MPPs, and even the occasional well-connected Tory lobbyist.... Watch for a complete report in the not-too-distant future.

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