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**The factual report from the OPS Bargaining Teams**

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## **Media blackout imposed**

The Central and Corrections Bargaining Teams met with the mediator, William Kaplan, who will assist in negotiations. At the request of the mediator, both union teams and the employer reps have agreed that there will be a blackout on the reporting of any discussions, positions or possible resolutions of any bargaining matters until the mediator decides otherwise.

A blackout is a regular practice in the bargaining process and is not intended to keep the membership in the dark. It allows both teams to continue their discussions on issues and prevents any disclosure of information that may jeopardize the team's ability to negotiate.

Both teams appreciate the membership's continued support as they move forward in getting a fair and respectable collective agreement.

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