

# The Real Deal

Bargaining news from your OPSEU Central  
Bargaining Team in the Ontario Public Service

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## Team busy verifying info

Your Central Team has spent a hectic week verifying information received from the employer. The employer has tabled documents containing changes to previous essential service agreements, and the team has been on the phones to local officials to corroborate the

information.

This is an ongoing process, and affected locals can expect to hear from the Central Team within the next few weeks. Marg Simmons, chair of the OPS Central Team, is pleased with the progress so far.

“The information we have

gotten from the members we have talked to has been extremely beneficial,” Simmons said. “We have incorporated the information we have received into our responses, and we want to thank all of the members we have contacted so far for their invaluable assistance.”

## Plug yourself in

Surveys are on their way to members in the OPS to get their input on issues impacting this round of bargaining. Responses to this survey will give valuable information to the bargaining teams.

The leaflet, called “Plug Yourself In,” is part of

OPSEU’s commitment to ensure that members are involved in getting the next OPS collective agreement. Take a few minutes and fill out the survey. Your input can help make your next contract a better one.

Expect to see the surveys in the first half of October.

## Training for OPS members ongoing

The following OPS Mobilization and Service Area Coordinating Group (SACG) training sessions are scheduled:  
*Saturday, Sept. 29:*

Region 1:  
SACG Training, OPSEU Regional Office, London  
*Oct. 13, 14*

Region 3:  
OPS Mobilization Training, Holiday Inn, Peterborough

Region 4:  
OPS Mobilization Training  
Four Points Sheraton,  
Kingston

Region 5:  
OPS Mobilization Training  
Colony Hotel, Toronto

More sessions are scheduled.  
Watch here for updates.

## Unclassified members: Are you plugged in?

Unclassified members span every category in the OPS. This contract is your contract too!

If you are an unclassified member, you need to get involved. The first thing you should do, if you haven’t already done so, is sign a union card. This ensures that you are on the list to receive information that will effect your job, and your future.

Solidarity in any group has a positive impact on issues at the bargaining table. Take the first step, and get informed!

Unclassified members who have questions or concerns can reach the Central Team at (416) 815-0284 or by e-mail at [centralteam@opseu.org](mailto:centralteam@opseu.org).

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# Don't forget the Public Service Fair

Don't forget to attend the Public Service Fair on Sat., Sept. 29 on the North Bay waterfront. The event, starting at 11 a.m. at the Kiwanis Bandshell, will showcase the work performed by the Ontario Public Service, and features live music, free lunch and activities for the kids. Speakers at the event include

OPSEU president Leah Casselman, Bruce Davidson from Concerned Walkerton Citizens, Sharon Dion from Citizens Against Private Prisons and Ontario Federation of Labour president Wayne Samuelson. Central team chair Marg Simmons will also be on hand to discuss the impact of

bargaining on the future of Ontario's public services. The event will conclude with a march to MPP Mike Harris' constituency office. Those attending are to bring a donation for presentation to the local food bank. Come out and enjoy yourself!

## How to contact your team members

In addition to the contact list below, you can now e-mail the Central Team directly at [centralteam@opseu.org](mailto:centralteam@opseu.org).

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**The Real Deal is your only accurate source of Central Team information during this round of bargaining. If you don't read it here, you can't be sure it's true. Don't rely on gossip and rumours. We will provide the facts.**

*The Real Deal will be available by fax, by e-mail, and on the OPSEU web site at [www.opseu.org](http://www.opseu.org). To receive it directly, send your secure fax number to Lesley Williams at (416) 443-1762 or send your e-mail address to [williams@opseu.org](mailto:williams@opseu.org).*

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