



The Real Deal

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

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The story so far

Yesterday the employer leaked a Management Board memo to the Toronto media. The memo apparently told the managers that there has been “little progress” at the bargaining table, and that the strike could last another “two or three weeks.”

So much for the media blackout on the talks.

We responded that the strike could be settled in 48 hours if the government gave its team a mandate to make a deal.

Let's set the record straight

We're still at the table, but your team needs your help to persuade Management Board to bargain.

To get a better deal, we'll need some heat out there.

We've been bargaining, but the top five remaining issues still need to be resolved:

Wages

We haven't reached an agreement on wages. The employer still needs persuading to up its offer.

Part-timers/ unclassified

They haven't offered anything for part-timers. They'll need persuading.

“Term” classified

The employer wants the freedom to hire any number of “term classified” people from outside the public service. We're against that.

OPSEU Pension Trust

We want to extend Factor 80 early retirement to Oct. 31, 2002, paid for with your share of the pension surplus money. Management is still opposing that.

And they still insist on their other pension take-aways.

They'll need persuading to get their hands off our pension money.

Benefits

The benefits package they offered is far from acceptable – less than what AMAPCEO settled for.

Get the message out.

That's the story. We are still at the table. We want to bargain a contract.

This strike can be settled in 48 hours, if the government wants it to.

We need members in the streets, in their faces, getting our message across.

Dear Ernie:

Will Premier Ernie Eves make a difference? Will he give his negotiators the mandate to bargain an agreement?

He'll need persuading.

On Monday, April 15, we will be at Queen's Park to greet the new Premier.

**Join us.
Get on the bus
and be there.
Your contract
depends on it.**

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