

The Correct view



The Factual Report on
Corrections Negotiations

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Progress being made

The Corrections Team has made some progress this week in resolving issues around essential services.

The team has been busy touring different facilities, and verifying information that has been received across the table.

Team members are optimistic that they will be able to complete the essential service agreement process in the near future so that they can move on to issue bargaining.

More surveys coming

It has been learned that some members in institutions and probation and parole offices did not receive a copy of the

essential services surveys. More are being prepared and will be on the way very soon.

Ending the dues confusion

Some members have expressed confusion about the amount of dues that are deducted if essential service work is performed during a strike.

Although OPSEU convention passed a policy that requires 100 per cent dues, an Ontario Labour Relations Board decision on January 12, 1999 ruled that the amount of dues deducted from an employee performing

essential services during an OPS strike would not exceed the level set in 1996. That amount was 30 per cent in addition to regular OPSEU dues.

OPSEU dues now stand at 1.375 per cent. Therefore, the amount of dues that would be paid by essential service workers in the event of a strike would be 31.375 per cent.

And the winner is...

As you can see, we now have a name for *Corrections Bargaining Update*.

The Corrections Team selected *The Correct View* from an extensive list of entries that came in from across the province. The submissions ranged from very serious to downright hilarious, and the Team members had their work cut out for them in selecting just one title.

“One of the main concerns in any round of negotiations is false rumours that can spread like wildfire,” said Barry Scanlon, chair of the Corrections bargaining team. “This title conveys perfectly that if you don’t hear it from us, it may not be true.”

Our winner is Fred Tucker from Local 233 (Guelph C.C.). Our thanks to all of you who put on your thinking caps and participated in the contest.

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E-mail back in service

The Corrections Team had a brief bout with the electronic gremlins this week causing an interruption in their e-mail

service. All is well, and you can e-mail the team at correctionsteam@opseu.org.

Your corrections team

- Region 1:** Jack Hopkins, L. 122
- Region 2:** Barry Scanlon, L. 230 (chair)
- Region 3:** Larry Cripps, L. 309
- Region 4:** Jim Bothwell, L. 467
- Region 5:** Dave Graves, L. 521 (vice-chair)
- Region 6:** Rick Dagenais, L. 642
- Region 7:** Len Mason, L. 737

You can reach the bargaining team at (416) 815-0284, by fax at (416) 815-1412 and by e-mail at correctionsteam@opseu.org.

The Correct View is your only accurate source of Corrections 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.

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