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A bulletin for
members in the
Ontario Public
Service

Member mobilizers get to work as contract talks approach

Some 36 OPSEU member mobilizers are now on the job and coming soon to OPS workplaces.

The mobilizers are key links between OPSEU bargaining teams and members. Mobilizers provide updates to locals, take member feedback to the bargaining teams, and work directly with locals on creative activities to build support for the teams.

In this round, “creative activities” could involve everything from workplace action to lobbying MPPs. Right now, mobilizers are asking members to complete a brief survey called “It’s time to put a face on public services.” The survey will collect information that can help explain to politicians and the public the vitally important work OPSEU members do.

Member mobilizers will work out of their nearest OPSEU regional office (see box at right for phone numbers). OPSEU Region 5 (Toronto) has a dedicated mobilization office at 31 Wellesley St. E. to accommodate the largest population of OPS members. Region 5 members can call (416) 928-2489.

Meanwhile, contract talks are approaching. The OPSEU Research Department is tabulating member demands (from the September local demand-setting meetings), which the bargaining teams will craft into specific proposals in the days ahead.

Both the Central/Unified and the Corrections bargaining teams are at work in Toronto, gearing up for negotiations.

Phone poll seeks your input

OPSEU members in the OPS may get a phone call from a polling company this week. The union has hired Viewpoints Research to survey OPSEU members to ask a series of questions related to OPS bargaining. If you are called, please take a few minutes to respond. The poll is one of many methods the union is using to listen to members and get their input as contract talks draw near.

Member mobilizer contact info

Brockville	(613) 498-3103	1-800-267-8154
Dryden	(807) 223-3306	1-800-465-7209
Guelph	(519) 837-3330	1-800-265-2660
Hamilton	(905) 525-5527	1-800-263-8827
Kingston	(613) 546-3267	1-800-267-0226
London	(519) 649-7770	1-800-265-1595
Niagara	(905) 892-5729	1-800-263-7306
North Bay	(705) 474-3574	1-800-663-4206
Orillia	(705) 325-4457	1-800-461-0254
Oshawa	(905) 720-3434	1-800-263-3928
Ottawa	(613) 739-9100	1-800-267-9776
Owen Sound	(519) 371-3428	1-800-929-3680
Peterborough	(705) 748-9100	1-800-667-7860
Sault Ste. Marie	(705) 949-5706	1-866-852-8882
Sudbury	(705) 560-1502	1-866-554-0005
Thunder Bay	(807) 344-5804	1-800-565-9147
Timmins	(705) 267-6285	1-800-461-9868
Toronto	(416) 928-2489	
Windsor	(519) 977-7550	1-800-265-5205