

BARGAINING UPDATE

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CUPE LOCAL 500/CITY OF WINNIPEG BARGAINING UPDATE

CUPE Local 500 and the City of Winnipeg continued contract talks on April 20th.

Some progress has been made at the table. To date, we have been able to tentatively agree to some changes to articles in the collective agreement. However, a number of major issues remain outstanding. Both parties are continuing to have meaningful discussions and we remain optimistic that talks will continue to be productive.

We can also report that the City has withdrawn its unfair labour practice complaint that the Union was bargaining in bad faith. We can also advise you that the Union is not pursuing an unfair labour practice against the City.

We are scheduled to meet again on May 15th and have more dates scheduled for the week of May 23rd.

Sub-Committees

In addition to bargaining in full committee, sub-committees are being formed to meet and deal with specific issues. Normally, two or three representatives from both the Union and the City's bargaining committees are assigned to sub-committees.

Why isn't more information available?

As much as the Union would like to share more information with you, please remember that Collective Bargaining is a sensitive process and releasing specific details about what is discussed in sub-committee meetings or at the main table, would jeopardize negotiations.

Our goal is to get the best agreement we can for you. That requires some very frank and open discussions at the bargaining table between both sides. When we have a settlement we can recommend to you, or reach an impasse, we will provide the membership with a full report at that time.

Stay tuned and watch for more information:

Members should continue to check the bulletin boards, watch for emails or visit the Local 500 website for updates.

We greatly appreciate the trust you have placed in us and request your continued patience and support at this time.

In solidarity,
Your Bargaining Committee

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United for a FAIR deal.