

REPORT ON BARGAINING

Public Service/Government Employment Sector

September 17, 2004

Message from Barry Nowoselsky, Chairperson, PS/GE Bargaining Unit

On Monday, September 13, 2004 SGEU served 48 hour strike notice on the government. Even though strike notice has been served, the PS/GE Negotiating Committee continues to meet with the employer in an attempt to resolve outstanding issues and achieve a collective agreement. While it is our intention to remain at the table until we reach an agreement, we will not hesitate to take strike action if progress is not made at the bargaining table.

We have been at the negotiating table for over 9 months, during which time we were able to reach agreement on a number of items. Although we made progress on a number of issues, it was a slow process. When we returned to bargaining in August, we found a change in the government's stance and negotiations slowed.

With very little progress at the table, serving strike notice was our only recourse. We put the government on notice that time was running out and it was time to get serious about bargaining.

Key issues remain the 0%, 1%, 1% offer, extended health plan benefits, contracting out, hours of work and workload, particularly in Department of Community Resources and Employment.

We are committed to bargaining a collective agreement that achieves our major goals. We hope that government will soon show the same commitment to bargaining and we are able to reach agreement on a new contract.

Provincial Strike Committee

As we continue our negotiations, the Provincial Strike Committee has been holding information sessions and secondary workplace votes throughout the province. For updates, contact the **Provincial Strike Committee Information Line at 1-800-667-5221, ext. 269.**

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To contact members of the Provincial Strike Committee, phone 1-800-667-5221, ext. 267 or, in Regina, 522-8571, ext.267 or via e-mail at sgeu.strike@sasktel.net.

Remember, please do not use your work e-mail to contact the Strike Committee or to discuss union matters.

Bargaining Council

If you wish to discuss bargaining issues further, please call your local representative or attend your local meetings. Bargaining Council representatives are identified below.

| PS/GE Bargaining Council | | | |
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| Name | Work Number | Name | Work Number |
| Bathgate, Gregg (Local) | 694-3652 | McClurg, Tracy (T&T) | 953-2475 |
| Belesky, Jo Anne (Local) | 522-8571 | McDonald, Gord (A&C) | 787-6658 |
| Braaten, Blaine (T&T) | 522-8571 | James Beblow (Local) | 842-2437 |
| Chupik, Mark (LIR) | 387-5670 | Norton, Herb (LIR) | 235-1753 |
| Cook, Andy (Local) | 425-4234 | Nowoselsky, Barry (HS) | 522-8571 |
| Duvall, Jack (Local) | 446-7819 | Ratray, Jason (LIR) | 924-9000 |
| Earing, Tim (Local) | 953-2731 | Rempel, Bruce (T&T) | 694-3774 |
| Elberg, Dan (Local) | 924-9000 | Sather, Landis (A&C) | 522-8571 |
| Ericson, Gary (T&T) | 825-6436 | Schwartz, Ernie (Local) | 236-7691 |
| Evanovich, Sandy (HS) | 786-1688 | Scriver, Mary (SS) | 786-1475 |
| Fraser, Terry (VEO) | 522-8571 | Sheldon, Norma (HS) | 953-3072 |
| Hogarth, Kirk (Local) | 463-5400 | Sherar, Michael (A&C) | 522-8571 |
| Howden, Cindy (SS) | 787-4633 | Sherar, Wendy (SS) | 787-5400 |
| Hubick, Joanne (SS) | 522-8571 | Thompson, A. Terry (HS) | 787-0082 |
| Johnson, Shelley (LIR) | 522-8571 | Ullman, Terry (Local) | 933-7247 |
| Jonasson, Dwayne (Local) | 554-5459 | Wilson, Danny (Local) | 778-8359 |
| Kelly, Cam (HS) | 933-7240 | Wonitowy, Sid (Local) | 522-8571 |
| Krienke, Rocky (VEO) | 287-8630 | Yew, Donna (A&C) | 933-5512 |
| Lane, Steve (VEO) | 522-8571 | York, Brian (Local) | 522-8571 |
| Lashta, Hank (LIR) | 956-8900 | Zimmerman, Caren (Local) | 522-8571 |
| Lay, John (Local) | 637-4545 | | |

We ask for your continued support as the Negotiating Committee works to achieve a collective agreement. By standing together now, we are able to achieve better benefits for the future.