

REPORT ON BARGAINING

**Public Service/General Employment
Bargaining Unit**

October 2006

Strike Vote

Bargaining

The PS/GE Negotiating Committee began bargaining a new contract on September 5, 2006. Since the start of negotiations, we have made virtually no progress on any issues. The tone of the discussions, the lack of response to our proposals and the attitude of management has led us to believe we must get further direction from the members.

In addition to the lack of progress at the table, there are a number of outstanding issues (in terms of staffing, hours of work, harassment, workload and grievances) that we have been unable to resolve. We have had many discussions with management over the past few years on these issues but have met with resistance at most meetings. A recent example of government's callous treatment of workers is its violation of Employment Insurance (EI) legislation that requires a Record of Employment (ROE) be issued within 5 days of layoff. Some of our members waited over 9 weeks for their ROE; meanwhile, they were without any income because they could not qualify for EI without the ROE.

The Negotiating Committee has made it very clear to the employer that we expect major improvements to wages, benefits, staffing and grievance procedures in this round of bargaining. We believe anything short of major improvements is unacceptable.

Membership meetings and strike vote

As a result of our lack of progress in contract talks, unresolved problems in many workplaces and the malicious attacks on employees' rights, the Negotiating Committee will hold membership meetings throughout the province to provide an update on bargaining and conduct a strike vote. Holding a strike vote was very strongly endorsed by the Bargaining Council.

Please see the attached list of meetings. It is very important that all members attend a meeting scheduled for your area, hear an update on negotiations and the rationale for a strike vote, and make your voice heard by supporting the strike vote.

In solidarity

Barry Nowoselsky Chairperson
PS/GE Negotiating Committee

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Regina Local 1101 – Dan Elberg – 924-9000

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
November 13	7:00 p.m.	Regina - SGEU, 1440 Broadway Avenue
November 16	7:00 p.m.	Regina - SGEU, 1440 Broadway Avenue
November 22	12:00 noon	Regina - SGEU, 1440 Broadway Avenue
	5:00 p.m.	Regina - SGEU, 1440 Broadway Avenue
	7:00 p.m.	Regina - SGEU, 1440 Broadway Avenue
November 23	12:00 p.m.	Regina - SGEU, 1440 Broadway Avenue
	5:00 p.m.	Regina - SGEU, 1440 Broadway Avenue
	7:00 p.m.	Regina - SGEU, 1440 Broadway Avenue
November 27	5:00 p.m.	Regina - SGEU, 1440 Broadway Avenue
	7:00 p.m.	Regina - SGEU, 1440 Broadway Avenue
November 29	7:00 p.m.	Regina - SGEU, 1440 Broadway Avenue

Saskatoon Local 1102 – Terry Ullman – 933-7247

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
November 14	12:00 noon	Saskatoon - Army Navy & Air Force Vet Hall, 359 1 st Ave North (basement)
November 15	3:30 p.m.	Saskatoon - Army Navy & Air Force Vet Hall, 359 1 st Ave North (basement)
	7:00 p.m.	Saskatoon - Army Navy & Air Force Vet Hall, 359 1 st Ave North (basement)
November 16	12:00 noon	Saskatoon - Army Navy & Air Force Vet Hall, 359 1 st Ave North (basement)
	5:00 p.m.	Saskatoon - Army Navy & Air Force Vet Hall, 359 1 st Ave North (basement)
	7:00 p.m.	Saskatoon - Army Navy & Air Force Vet Hall, 359 1 st Ave North (basement)

Battlefords Local 1103 – Lori Bossaer – 446-7840

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
November 20	12:00 noon	North Battleford - Elks Hall, 792 – 111 th Street
	5:30 p.m.	Lloydminster – Vimy Room, Legion Hall, 4505 49 th Avenue
November 21	12:00 noon	North Battleford - Elks Hall, 792 – 111 th Street
	7:00 p.m.	North Battleford - Elks Hall, 792 – 111 th Street

Weyburn Local 1104 – Kurt Whitford – 848-2442

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
November 28	7:00 p.m.	Carlyle - Town Hall
November 30	7:00 p.m.	Weyburn – Weyburn Inn

Prince Albert Local 1105 – Norma Sheldon – 953-3100

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
November 20	12:00 noon	Prince Albert – Union Centre, 107 – 8 th Street East
	5:00 p.m.	Prince Albert – Union Centre, 107 – 8 th Street East
November 21	12:00 noon	Prince Albert – Union Centre, 107 – 8 th Street East
	5:00 p.m.	Prince Albert – Union Centre, 107 – 8 th Street East
	7:15 p.m.	Prince Albert – Union Centre, 107 – 8 th Street East

Hudson Bay Local 1107 – Donna Cook – 865-2522

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
November 23	12:00 noon	Greenwater Provincial Park, Greenwater Park Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Preeceville - Recreation Centre, 319 Main Street North

Swift Current Local 1108 – Danny Wilson – 778-8359

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
November 15	7:00 p.m.	Maple Creek - Legion Hall, 218 Maple Street
November 16	7:30 p.m.	Swift Current - Eagle's Hall, 1910 South Service Road West

Humboldt Local 1109 – Rocky Krienke – 287-8630

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
November 27	7:00 p.m.	Humboldt - Bella Vista Inn

Moose Jaw Local 1110 – Greg Bathgate – 694-3652

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
November 14	5:15 p.m.	Moose Jaw – SEIU Hall, 39 Athabasca Street West
	7:00 p.m.	Moose Jaw – SEIU Hall, 39 Athabasca Street West
November 15	7:00 p.m.	Assiniboia - Bar B Inn, 222 1 st Avenue East

Rosetown Local 1111 – Kirk Hogarth – 463-5400

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
November 22	7:00 p.m.	Outlook – Town Hall, 12A 1 st Avenue East
November 23	12:00 noon	Rosetown – Legion Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Kindersley – Kindersley Inn

Nipawin Local 1112 – Brian York – 862-1780 or 873-5334

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
November 20	7:00 p.m.	Tisdale – Civic Centre
November 21	7:00 p.m.	Nipawin – Elk's Lodge, 310 1 st Street West

Melfort Local 1114 – Caren Zimmerman – 752-5563

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
November 29	7:00 p.m.	Melfort - Heritage Room, Northeast Leisure Centre, 206 Bemister Avenue East

Yorkton Local 1115 – Sandy Evanovich – 786-1680

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
November 28	12:00 noon	Melville - Prince William Hotel
	5:00 p.m.	Duck Mountain Provincial Park, Duck Mountain Lodge
November 29	12:00 noon	Yorkton - Gallagher Centre (Convention A & B), 455 Broadway Street West
	7:00 p.m.	Yorkton - Gallagher Centre (Convention A & B), 455 Broadway Street West

Meadow Lake Local 1119 – Ernie Schwartz – 236-7691

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
November 22	1:00 p.m.	Goodsoil – Lion's Recreation Centre, 411 - 3 rd Street NW
November 22	7:00 p.m.	Meadow Lake - United Church, 502 - 6 th Avenue West

Estevan Local 1120 – John Lay – 637-4545

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
November 27	5:00 p.m.	Estevan - UMWA Hall, 538 4 th Street

Missinipe Local 1121 – Andy Cook – 425-4234

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
November 22	7:00 p.m.	La Ronge – Royal Canadian Legion, 1400 La Ronge Avenue
November 23	7:00 p.m.	Creighton – R. J. Motel, 225 Creighton Avenue

Buffalo Narrows Local 1122 – Herb Norton – 235-4271

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
November 21	12:00 noon	La Loche – Friendship Centre
November 21	7:00 p.m.	Buffalo Narrows - Buffalo Narrows Complex

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