



BULLETIN

First proposals exchanged during first week of bargaining

March 5, 2012

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The Community Social Services Union Bargaining Association met with the employer last week (week of February 27 to March 2). The bargaining protocol was agreed and both parties exchanged the first bargaining proposals.

Members have made it very clear that a fair deal is a priority, and the bargaining committee is committed to that mandate.

The next bargaining dates are set for the week of March 12 ... 16. Please stay tuned for further updates.

Your current collective agreement expires on March 31, 2012 but its provisions will remain in force until a new deal is reached.

To ensure smooth communication during bargaining, please ensure your contact details are up-to-date ... especially your home email and phone numbers. You can log in here to update your information: <http://www.hsabc.org/members/login.php> You can also email your info to memberlist@hsabc.org.

You may also get regular bargaining updates by

ï,§ Checking your union website postings at www.hsabc.org

ï,§ Liking "BC's Community Social Services Workers" group on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/css.bc/>

ï,§ Following CSSFairDeal on Twitter <https://twitter.com/#!/cssfairdeal>

The Community Social Services Union Bargaining Association regroups all the unions certified by the BC Labour Relations Board to represent the 15,000 unionized workers in the community social services sector in our province. The BCGEU is the largest union in the community social services sector, representing about two-thirds of workers. HSA, CUPE, and HEU, are the next largest followed by USW, UFCW, CLAC and CSWU.

There are 220 employers represented by the Community Social Services Employers Association.

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