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Community Social Services: Limited progress at bargaining table

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Community Social Services bargaining resumed for the week of April 30, with limited progress.

The union bargaining committee ... the Community Social Services Bargaining Association (CSSBA) ... is continuing to make the case for a fair and reasonable deal at the bargaining table, including a wage increase. The committee is also pushing back on concessionary demands by the employer.

The multi-union bargaining committee decided to hold off presenting monetary proposals to the employer until health and welfare benefits options have been thoroughly examined. The committee is in the process of meeting with the main benefit carriers to discuss improved health and welfare benefit options for workers in the sector.

Meanwhile, union negotiators have signed a framework agreement with the employer ... the Community Social Services Employers Association (CSSEA) ... with regard to job action headquarters and communications. The deadline for completing essential service level evaluations for all the agencies and all the worksites has been extended to May 15.

Additional Community Social Services bargaining dates with the employer have been set through to the end of June.

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CSSBA includes nine unions with a combined membership of about 15,000. The BCGEU is the largest union in the community social services sector, representing about two-thirds of workers. HSA, CUPE, and HEU are also in the association.

The Community Social Services Employers Association represents 220 agencies.

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