

BARGAINING UPDATE

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CUPE LOCAL 500/CITY OF WINNIPEG BARGAINING UPDATE #6

Conciliation talks continue

As you are aware bargaining between CUPE Local 500 and the City of Winnipeg is being assisted by a provincially appointed conciliation officer. On March 13th, the conciliator met with both the City and Union's negotiating committees to go over outstanding issues and concerns. Both sides will meet again with the conciliation officer on March 28th to continue to work towards an agreement.

You may have also seen recent news that the City has filed an unfair labour practice complaint against the Union alleging that we are bargaining in bad faith. We can also advise you that the Union is responding with a claim that the City is bargaining in bad faith.

As we have noted in previous updates, the employer has tabled an unprecedented and unacceptable proposal package to our negotiating committee. In our view, labour relations between Local 500 and the City have been made difficult by the constant roadblocks imposed by the City's new Manager of Labour Relations and chief negotiator. It is always our position that reasonable negotiations must happen at the bargaining table.

Despite these challenges, CUPE Local 500 remains committed to fighting for a fair contract, while protecting the city services that Winnipeggers rely on.

Watch for more information

Just as a reminder, that because of the sensitive nature of negotiations, the bargaining committee is not able to give you a step-by-step explanation of everything that is discussed at the bargaining table. However, should we reach a settlement or an impasse the members will be fully informed.

Your bargaining committee will keep you informed as progress is made. Members should continue to check the bulletin boards for bargaining updates. You can also visit the website at cupe500.mb.ca and also sign-up for email updates to stay informed.

If you have any questions or concerns about negotiations, please contact us at 204-942-1001.

In solidarity,

Your Negotiating Committee

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