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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CUPE accepts offer by Province to appoint mediator

WINNIPEG – Today, the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 500 has written to the Minister of Labour, to accept the offer to have a mediator appointed to assist the two parties work through the current bargaining impasse.

“While we received an overwhelming strike mandate from our members, we feel this is the most effective way to reach an agreement our members deserve, while protecting the city services Winnipeggers rely on,” said CUPE Local 500 President Mike Davidson.

The agreement, which covers about 5,000 City of Winnipeg workers, expired December 31, 2010.

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