

UPSE files for Conciliation in Civil Service Negotiations

The Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees has written to the Minister of Communities, Cultural Affairs and Labour, Hon. Carolyn Bertram, to request the appointment of a Conciliator to assist in negotiations between the Union and the Government of PEI. The negotiating teams have been at the table for a total of 34 days since negotiations began in April 2007.

“This Bargaining Unit is one of our largest and most diverse groups; including over 2300 members employed by the Government of PEI, Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission and the Worker’s Compensation Board of PEI. We want to acknowledge the efforts of both negotiating teams. The Union and the Employer’s teams have dealt with a lot of issues and they have worked diligently to reach an agreement. We are optimistic, that with the assistance of a Conciliator, a tentative agreement can be negotiated,” states UPSE President, Shelley Ward.

The Union’s negotiating team is co-chaired by Bill MacMillan and is assisted by UPSE Labour Relations Officer, Mike Doyle. “The Union’s team has put in many hours at the negotiating table and they accept a Conciliator’s appointment is necessary to have the outstanding issues resolved,” states Mr. MacMillan. The bargaining unit includes members employed in Administrative, Operations, Maintenance, Technical, Regulatory and Professional categories. Their current agreement expired on March 31, 2007