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HEU bargaining committee calls special meeting to review new developments in DEYAS negotiations

The bargaining committee representing HEU members employed by the Downtown Eastside Youth Activities Society has called a special member meeting after DEYAS informed the union that there is no money for increased wages or benefits in the current round of negotiations.

On August 31, DEYAS told the union that it has concluded discussions with the Vancouver Coastal Health Authority for this year's contracts and that there is no money available for any increases in employee wages or benefits.

The union has scheduled a membership meeting for Saturday, September 8 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Robson Park Co-op common room, located at 234 East 15th (at Main Street).

The bargaining committee is disappointed with the latest turn of events and is strongly encouraging all members to attend the meeting and hear the bargaining report. The committee will also be seeking members' input to determine the direction of bargaining with DEYAS.

Bargaining committee members are Mandla Sibiya, Cory Knapp and Robyn Beveland.

Questions can also be directed to Heather Compton at 604-868-0070.

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