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Good Samaritan workers in Salmon Arm join HEU

LRB rules Salmon Arm and Gibsons will form a single bargaining unit

Health care workers employed by Good Samaritan Society at Pioneer Lodge and Hillside Village in Salmon Arm have joined HEU. The vote was counted on Monday.

And thanks to a ruling last week by B.C.'s Labour Relations Board, HEU's Salmon Arm members will join with Good Samaritan members at Christensen Village in Gibsons to bargain a first collective agreement.

Those contract talks are already underway.

"We're thrilled to welcome another group of Good Samaritan health care workers into the union and into contract negotiations with their common employer," says HEU's secretary-business manager Judy Darcy.

"The combined force of these three facilities in a single bargaining unit bodes well for achieving a fair first collective agreement that improves working conditions and recognizes the real value of our members work," she says.

"This is great news," says Kathy Perkins, a care-aide and member of the Good Samaritan bargaining team in Gibsons. "As a single unit we're that much stronger. And I know our brothers and sisters in Salmon Arm will bring a lot to the bargaining team."

Perkins says contract negotiations got off to a good start in early December.

"We've already reached agreement on a number of issues," she says, adding that she's looking forward to the next scheduled talks in late February.

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