



HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

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Union seeks information from workers affected by Bill 29

Bill 29 talks will resume next week, but in the meantime, HEU is encouraging members and former members affected by the legislation to get in touch.

Hundreds of current and former health care workers have already made sure that their contact information is up-to-date and have also provided details on how they were impacted by *Bill 29*.

HEU secretary-business manager Judy Darcy says the information will be used to help the union push for recognition and redress for impacted workers.

“Health care workers – past and present – have suffered serious losses as a result of their charter rights being violated,” says Darcy. “This information is helping us make the case for redress at the *Bill 29* talks.”

Any HEU member or former member who was laid off as a result of *Bill 29* can let the union know how they were affected and where they can be contacted by filling in a form that’s available from HEU local offices, the union’s Provincial Office (604-438-5000 or 1-800-663-5813 toll-free) or on the union’s website at www.heu.org.

They can be returned by fax, mail or in person to the Provincial Office.

Since October 2, HEU and its bargaining partners in the Facilities Bargaining Association have held 10 days of talks with government and health employers on implementing the Supreme Court’s ruling on *Bill 29*.

The unions have said that the decision is an opportunity to deal with critical staffing shortages in the health care system and have proposed a health human resources and labour adjustment strategy to help address this growing crisis.

On the issue of redress for workers impacted by *Bill 29*, the unions are stilling waiting for a serious response from government.

Talks resume November 27.

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