

## HEU, HEABC return to the bargaining table

**B**ACKED BY A strong strike mandate, the Hospital Employees' Union and other facilities subsector unions returned to the bargaining table with the Health Employers Association of B.C. on March 31 for the first time since talks stalled at the beginning of the month.

"In the wake of such a strong strike mandate, we hope health employers have reconsidered their demands for massive wage and benefit rollbacks and no employment security, and are coming back to the table with a new attitude and new proposals," says HEU secretary-business manager Chris Allnutt.

"The strike vote's record turnout and strong "yes" to job action clearly demonstrate that health care workers won't be intimidated into an unfair contract."

Earlier this week, union members working in hospitals and long-term care facilities across B.C. voted 89 per cent in favour of strike action to support bargaining proposals that would preserve jobs and protect public health care.

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