



HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

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Wages, benefits to dominate June contract talks with Amica

As bargaining for a second contract moves into June, for members working at Douglas House in Victoria, HEU is awaiting a formal response from Amica on the union's latest bargaining proposal.

Spokesperson Bonnie Youngman says the five bargaining sessions to date have reached agreement on several housekeeping matters, as well as an increase in the transportation allowance, but the employer has not yet responded to its proposal on the major monetary items: wages, benefits and vacation.

She also says the union bargaining committee's latest proposal emphasizes the need to raise the low wages currently paid to dietary workers, who were brought into the bargaining unit in mid-contract.

Negotiations cover approximately 60 Douglas House members who provide care, reception, housekeeping, activity, dietary and maintenance services.

The next bargaining sessions are scheduled for June 26 and 27.

Your union bargaining committee members are Kelly Quesnel and Maribel Wood, as well as HEU staff representative and bargaining spokesperson Bonnie Youngman.

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