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H.A.R.P.S. ends business contract, halts bargaining

*Employer says it will issue lay-off notices to 140 members at
Cartier House and Hilton Villa in the coming weeks*

Negotiations for a first collective agreement with the Health and Personnel Services Inc. (H.A.R.P.S.) – employing HEU members working at Cartier House in Coquitlam and Hilton Villa in Surrey – came to an abrupt halt when the subcontractor announced the decision to end its business contract with the private care homes.

During contract talks today, H.A.R.P.S. gave notice to HEU's bargaining committee that it will no longer continue bargaining, and has decided to layoff employees.

The employer did agree, however, to have a joint meeting with the union and affected staff as early as next week, says HEU bargaining spokesperson Juli Rees.

Members will have an opportunity to review options and determine next steps during full discussions with union representatives. Watch for meeting details at your local.

There are 94 HEU H.A.R.P.S. members at Hilton Villa and 43 at Cartier House working as care aides, food service and laundry workers, and activity aides. They certified with HEU on October 10, 2008.

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