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Contract talks ready to begin in community social services sector

Negotiations for a new collective agreement in the community social services sector are set to begin, following a preparatory meeting with the Community Social Services Employers' Association (CSSEA) on May 13.

A protocol agreement reached between the Community Social Services Bargaining Association (CSSBA) and CSSEA establishes a common understanding of how the bargaining process will unfold.

As part of the agreement, the two parties will exchange full bargaining proposals at the outset of negotiations.

CSSBA anticipates a schedule of tentative bargaining dates will be set next week, once CSSEA has provided the unions' bargaining team with a list of available dates.

HEU is one of ten unions in the CSSBA, representing about 1,400 members who are covered by the community social services collective agreement.

Members are encouraged to keep informed as bargaining progresses by contacting either your local executive or HEU's representatives on the multi-union bargaining committee – Marilynn Rust, David Huespe and Bob Wilson.

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