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HEU applies for mediation in contract renewal negotiations with Golden Life

Despite four days of comprehensive discussions between HEU and Golden Life Management – June 16 through June 19 – the two parties were unable to reach an agreement on wages and benefits.

The union had tabled its compensation proposal during the last round of scheduled talks in early April.

Failure to reach an agreement in this latest round of talks has prompted the union to apply for mediation under Section 74 of the B.C. Labour Code. HEU is now awaiting the appointment of a mediator and mediation dates.

In recent weeks, 30 workers from Castlewood Village in Castlegar and 74 workers from Rosewood Village in Trail voted to make HEU their union of choice.

New members from these two sites are now covered by the 2005-2008 Golden Life/Rocky Mountain Village Collective agreement which also covers workers at Garden View Village in Kimberly, Crest View Village in Creston, Joseph Creek Village in Cranbrook and Rocky Mountain Village in Fernie.

Deb Milliard-Nieman (Castlewood Village) and Lynn Morran and Rhonda Hillelreich (Rosewood Village) have joined the union's bargaining committee. Other members include Kim Dale and Karen Standish (Rocky Mountain Village); Tim Mund and Lena Lenko (Crest View Village); Robyn Hilton (Garden View Village) and Barb Shukin and Nikki Hay (Joseph Creek Village).

If you require more information, please contact your site representative on the bargaining committee or HEU bargaining representative Heather Compton at 1-800-663-5813 ext. 7034.

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