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Facilities negotiations resume Wednesday

The multi-union Facilities Bargaining Association will meet October 10 with health employers to resume negotiations for a new collective agreement.

The talks follow two weeks of membership meetings around the province where union negotiators reported out on the last eight months of talks and sought input on bargaining priorities.

FBA spokesperson Bonnie Pearson says union members are clear that they do not want to see either their benefits eroded or to take on more of the costs – and will do what's required to support their bargaining committee and win a fair and reasonable wage increase.

“We'll be looking for a more problem-solving approach from health employers over the next few days,” says Pearson, who is also secretary-business manager for the Hospital Employees' Union.

“Recent settlements have demonstrated that public sector employers have considerable latitude in how they implement the cooperative gains mandate. We're hoping to see some of that flexibility in Facilities negotiations.”

The collective agreement covers a diverse health care team that includes workers in hospitals, nursing homes and diagnostic treatment centres as well as emergency health services and shared services such as logistics and supply operations.

About 46,000 workers in more than 270 job classifications are impacted by the talks, making it the largest single set of negotiations in the current round of public sector collective bargaining.

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