

HEU members employed by Compass at PHSA ratify agreement

HEU members working for Compass Group at Provincial Health Services Authority sites turned out in force to vote 78 per cent in favour of a new four-year contract.

The agreement came after nearly a year of bargaining and includes modest wage increases, a signing bonus, improved vacation benefits and partial payout of unused sick leave.

Members on Vancouver Island employed by Compass Group and its wholly owned subsidiary, Marquise, will begin voting on the same agreement starting Monday, December 2.

HEU secretary-business manager Bonnie Pearson congratulated members at Compass PHSA on their new contract, and urged Compass and Marquise members on Vancouver Island to make sure that they cast their ballots over the next two weeks.

“Our Compass and Marquise members gave their bargaining committee a strong strike mandate which helped pressure employers to come to an agreement,” says Pearson.

“Now, with strong membership support, we have ratified agreements with Sodexo, Aramark, and with Compass for our members at PHSA.

“We’re looking for a strong turnout from our members on the Island as well.”

While Compass PHSA members ratified the agreement, a small group of workers employed by Marquise at Fraser Canyon Hospital in Hope produced a tie vote and failed to ratify the agreement.

MEMBERS ON VANCOUVER ISLAND TO VOTE ON TENTATIVE DEAL

Members will now decide whether or not to accept the proposed contract. Your bargaining committee recommends acceptance.

A comprehensive report with full details of the agreement has been distributed for members to review, and ratification votes have been scheduled.

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