



Vancouver Island members return mixed results on Compass/Marquise ratification votes

HEU members working for Marquise Facilities at seven sites on Vancouver Island have voted 61 per cent in favour of a new four-year collective agreement.

They join thousands of members working for Aramark, Sodexo and Compass Group in the Lower Mainland who have ratified similar agreements over the past two months.

However, members working for Compass Group on Vancouver Island voted 54 per cent against the agreement in balloting that was counted late Wednesday.

The rejection of the tentative agreement on Vancouver Island does not affect the signing bonus and retroactive pay adjustments for Compass Group employees in the Provincial Health Services Authority, who ratified their agreement earlier this month.

Those members have already received their retroactive wage adjustments, and the signing bonus will be paid out in early January.

Compass Group employees on Vancouver Island will continue to be covered by the terms of the previous agreement, which expired September 30, 2012.

In addition to Compass Group employees on Vancouver Island, Marquise members at Fraser Canyon Hospital in Hope and at Shannon Oaks in Vancouver rejected tentative agreements.

WHAT'S NEXT FOR COMPASS NEGOTIATIONS ON VANCOUVER ISLAND?

Because of the rejection of the contract on Vancouver Island, the union will be contacting the Labour Relations Board to obtain hearing dates to finalize essential services.

The HEU bargaining committee for Compass on the Island will meet January 9 to discuss next steps.

Compass has agreed to further bargaining dates January 15 through 17, and the strike mandate has been extended by mutual agreement.

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