

## NEWS RELEASE

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## Contract ratified by 87 per cent vote by workers at The Hamlets

Health care workers – represented by the Hospital Employees' Union – voted 87 per cent in favour of ratifying a three-year contract with H&H Total Care Services Inc., the operator of The Hamlets at Penticton, a long-term care and assisted living facility on Duncan Avenue.

The vote took place on Thursday.

This move saves the jobs of 60 care aides, assisted living workers and recreation aides, who had been given lay-off notices on June 1. Their last day of work would have been August 31.

The new contract – which covers about 120 union members, including nurses, support workers and the classifications targeted for contracting out – includes modest wage increases, and a "no contracting out" provision over the term of the collective agreement.

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