



Communiqué

To UNW Members who are GNWT Employees

June 29, 2017

Your bargaining team met with the Government of the Northwest Territories for three very intensive days of negotiations in March.

An agreement was made between the parties not to comment publicly on the specifics of those negotiations.

Your team worked very hard to try to reach a compromise that would fair to both sides, and negotiations went until almost midnight on the last day.

Unfortunately, we were not able to come to an agreement.

At this time, our proposal package has reverted to the same package that was presented in September, as has the Employer's package.

We are consulting with the Employer to find dates for the next round of bargaining.

There will be a verbal update at the Local Presidents' meeting in July, and bargaining update general membership meetings are being scheduled for the next three months in a number of communities. Please keep watch for notices on dates, times, and locations.

Your Bargaining Team will continue to fight for reasonable wage increases for GNWT employees, increases that keep up with inflation. Your bargaining team is considering its next steps. Please continue to visit www.unw.ca/government-nwt for further developments.

In solidarity,
Your Bargaining Team,

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