

# 2009 BARGAINING BULLETIN



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## Union team sets strike deadline of **June 24**

Your union bargaining team has set June 24 as the strike deadline in contract talks with the LCBO.

“This week we went back to the bargaining table with high hopes that last week’s 93 per cent strike vote would convince the LCBO to bargain seriously on the main issues in this round,” OPSEU team chair Vanda Klumper said this afternoon. “Unfortunately that has not happened.

“It is clear to our bargaining team that the LCBO needs the added motivation of a strike deadline before it will pay attention to what we’re saying.”

Some bargaining did take place this week, Klumper said, but there was no indication that the employer was prepared to address the members’ main priorities. The employer bargaining team was unavailable for negotiations next week.

The union team applied for a “No Board” report this afternoon to start the clock ticking towards the legal strike date.

“The job of all members right now is to get ready for strike action,” Klumper said. “We do not want to go on strike, but the better prepared we are and the more visible your support for your bargaining team is, the more likely it is that the employer will bargain seriously without us going on strike.”

OPSEU leadership from every Liquor Board local in the province will be in Toronto for strike

training June 1-2. Local leaders will have more information to share with members afterwards.

“There is no union in Canada that is better at running strikes than we are, and we have won some damn good collective agreements through strike action,” said OPSEU President Warren (Smokey) Thomas. “What’s more important is that we have won hundreds of contract battles without going on strike – just because the employer knew we were ready to.”

Negotiations are scheduled to resume June 8-10 and then go from June 15 up to the strike deadline.



**The OPSEU Liquor Board bargaining team prior to the start of talks May 26. Left to right: Dora Robinson, OPSEU Local 376; Vanda Klumper, team chair, Local 165; Lori Davis, Local 499; Rob Field, OPSEU Senior Negotiator; Laurie Miller, Local 682; Tracy Vyfschaft, Local 377; Joyce Hansen, OPSEU Senior Researcher; Denise Davis, team vice-chair, Local 378; and Colleen MacLeod, Local 5107.**

## Your bargaining team

The OPSEU bargaining team for the Liquor Board Employees Division consists of seven members:

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The bargaining team is assisted by OPSEU Senior Negotiator Rob Field, Senior Researcher Joyce Hansen, and other assigned staff.

## Meet your mobilizers!

OPSEU mobilizers are your co-workers at the LCBO. They're the direct link between you and your bargaining team. The following people are mobilizers in the OPSEU locals indicated.

**Guy Jeremschuck:** Local 162

**Dave Holmes:** Local 163

**Mike Robertson:** Local 164

**Mike Sullivan:** Local 165

**Bonnie Jolley:** Local 284

**Paula Sossi:** Local 285

**Deb Altoft:** Local 286

**Shawn Swayze:** Local 287

**Matt Savelli:** Local 287

**Frank Gullace:** Local 288

**Maria Bauer:** Locals 375, 376

**Doug Parks:** Locals 377, 378

**Eileen Allen:** Local 379

**Terri Taylor:** Locals 497, 498

**Devon Ford:** Locals 499, 4100

**Kevin Ramsay:** Locals 5107, 5110

**Roberto Ianni:** Locals 5108, 5111

**Craig Hadley:** Locals 5109, 5110, 5111

**Mellisa Jackson:** All Locals in OPSEU Region 6

**Anne Makela:** All Locals in Region 7

## EAP Hotline: 1-800-263-1401

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## Stay informed

As negotiations pick up speed, make it your priority to stay on top of bargaining news.

1. Attend upcoming **bargaining information meetings** (see listing on the OPSEU web site at [www.opseu.org/lbed/collective.htm](http://www.opseu.org/lbed/collective.htm)).
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3. Bookmark the address at [www.opseu.org/lbed/collective.htm](http://www.opseu.org/lbed/collective.htm) on the **OPSEU website** to learn more about what's happening in bargaining.

