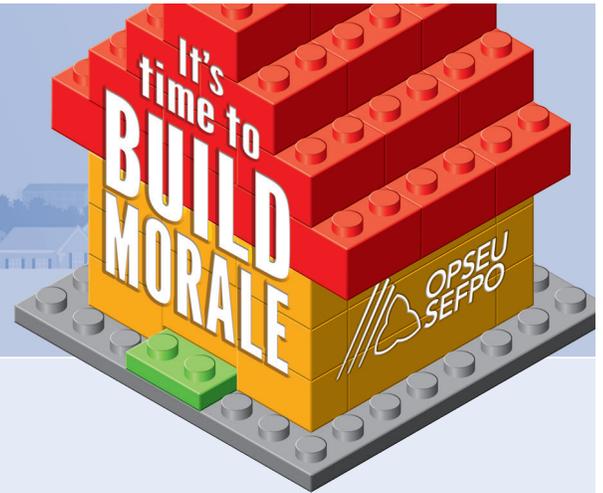


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Contract talks to resume May 25

Your OPSEU bargaining team at MPAC met with representatives of the employer on April 20 and, with a conciliator present, the two sides agreed to resume bargaining on May 25.

The bargaining team asked for the delay until litigation begins between members of the Ontario Public Service and the provincial government over changes to post-retirement benefit plans - the same issue that is a sticking point with our contract negotiations. The proposed changes to the benefits plan would see those who retire after 2016 share costs on a 50-50 basis with the employer. The employer currently pays 100 per cent of post-retirement benefit costs.

Litigation on challenges to the proposed changes will take place May 11-13.

Bargaining team to tour the province

Members of your bargaining team will hit the road the first week of May to bring all OPSEU members at MPAC up to speed on where we stand in negotiations. A schedule of dates, times and locations will be distributed shortly.

The meetings will give members of the bargaining team a chance to answer questions and outline our strategy as we move forward in bargaining. For more remote northern locations, tele-conference calls will be organized.

Most meetings will be held over lunch breaks, or after business hours.

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We have included the bargaining team members e-mail addresses and assigned a member to each office. Please see below for your office's bargaining team contact.



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