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STRIKE VOTE TONIGHT!

Workers of Many Rivers Counselling & Support Services prepare.

The 18 members of the Yukon's Many Rivers Counselling & Support Services represented by the Public Service Alliance of Canada and the Yukon Employees' Union have been working without a contract for over a year. After several unsuccessful rounds of bargaining, the parties will commence conciliation talks Wednesday morning in Whitehorse. At this time, there needs to be significant movement by the employer before a contract can be reached.

The bargaining team is holding a meeting this evening with the membership and a strike vote is planned, to inform the direction of conciliation talks. YEU President Steve Geick says "this is a very strong bargaining unit and they won't back down on what matters to them. It's about fairness, a respectful workplace and the ability to serve their communities."

PSAC Regional Vice President Jack Bourassa adds "The union always hopes a negotiated agreement can be reached swiftly, and without any disruption to services. It's up to the employer to negotiate fairly, and they haven't come close so far."

A solidarity rally is planned for 8 am Wednesday morning at the High Country Inn to coincide with the commencement of conciliation talks.

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