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City of Whitehorse Workers Ratify Contract

Challenging Round of Bargaining Comes to a Close

Volunteers from the City of Whitehorse Locals met today at noon with Public Service Alliance of Canada representatives to count ballots cast at recent Contract Ratification Meetings.

The members of Local Y022 ratified their contract at a separate meeting held Sunday April 22, while the larger Local Y023 met at a series of meetings this week. Both Locals voted overwhelmingly in favour of acceptance of the tentative agreement, a deal reached just hours before the April 16th 8am strike deadline.

The agreement satisfies a key requirement of the workers, halting the establishment of a two tiered workforce. This issue was amongst the highest priorities of the workforce, and was important enough to trigger a strike mandate. The union bargaining teams successfully held the line, also preserving their existing severance and long service benefits. The agreement contains a modest pay increase of 4.25% over the four year contract.

YEU President Steve Geick said “Everyone is happy to once again focus on making the City of Whitehorse a great place to live and work. Congratulations to everyone and thanks to all those union members who stood united behind the Bargaining Teams.”

Jack Bourassa, Regional Executive Vice President, North adds ““I’m happy both sides were able to find common ground and can now focus on their primary duties... serving the citizens of Whitehorse.”

The two contracts will now need approval by Mayor and Council before going into effect.

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