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**Three Year Agreement Ensures Continued Labour Peace
at City of Dawson**

A new agreement has been reached between the City of Dawson and the 36 unionized workers in the Dawson City Municipal Workers bargaining unit. The agreement, negotiated by the Public Service Alliance of Canada's Erna Post with the help of a four member bargaining team and a three member management team led by City of Dawson CAO Jeff Renaud, resulted in significant improvements in many areas while maintaining customer service and fiscal responsibility as key principles.

The three-year contract offers a 5.25% pay increase over its life; 1.5% the first year, 1.75% the second with a 2% raise in its final year. As a result of the agreement, employees will have more flexibility in the use of Special Leave and changes to the Sick Leave provisions allow workers to access more of their banked sick leave before applying for short-term disability.

YEU President Steve Geick is pleased with the outcome stating "The new contract provides certainty for the town with good outcomes for both management and workers. Bargaining was productive and respectful; both sides left the table knowing they had done a good job for Dawson."

"City of Dawson Council values our municipal employees and are pleased to have this new agreement in place," said Mayor Wayne Potoroka. "We'd like to acknowledge the hard work that went into this agreement and thank everyone involved in these successful negotiations."

This contract is in effect until December 31, 2016.

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