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Takhini Transport Staff & Drivers join YEU

The Canadian Industrial Relations Board (CIRB) has issued certification permitting the Public Service Alliance of Canada and component Yukon Employees' Union to begin bargaining on behalf of 70 workers at Takhini Transport (Watson Lake Bus Lines Company Ltd.). The company has four years remaining in its contract with the Government of Yukon.

The employees, including administrative staff & school bus drivers, approached YEU wishing to unionize. Their interest in certification stemmed from a desire to ensure passenger safety, improve workplace Health & Safety practices and establish consistent administrative procedures.

YEU President Steve Geick says "we look forward to working with these newly unionized workers and the management team at Takhini Transport. Unionized work environments create stability for all stakeholders". He adds "YEU has had a busy year, welcoming new members from Air North, Help & Hope for Families Society and most recently Takhini Transport. It's encouraging to see that Yukoners recognize the value of unionizing to ensure safety and fairness on the job".

The next step for the workers will be the selection of a bargaining team and commencing work to build their first collective agreement.

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