

A Message from President Jason Rochon to NEU Members Working for the Municipality of Kinngait



First, I hope you and those close to you had a safe and happy holiday season.

Now that we are in 2023, I wanted to take this opportunity to ensure you that our absolute commitment to reaching a fair agreement for you and your co-workers with the Hamlet has not changed with the calendar year.

So where do we stand?

Nunavut Employees Union (NEU) Members working for the Hamlet voted overwhelmingly in favour of strike action and a date was set for late 2022. Before

a strike action can take place, the Canada Industrial Relations Board (CIRB) requires both parties to agree on what services will continue to be provided during a strike to “prevent an immediate and serious danger to the safety or health of the public.”

A hearing date with the CIRB is now expected later this month where both parties submit proposals as to which services and staff will be designated “essential”. Following the scheduled hearing, the CIRB will issue a decision in this matter (commonly referred to as an ‘Essential Services Agreement’).

Once this ruling is issued by the CIRB, the NEU and Public Service Alliance of Canada (PSAC) will sit down with Members working for the Municipality of Kinngait to determine what the next steps are.

How do we stand?

Together.

That is the only way that we will work through this.

False and misleading statements have been released to the media by the Hamlet. The NEU has issued replies to these statements. We will not lower ourselves into a public media debate as to who said what and when. Our only goal is to continue to best represent the wishes and direction of our Members who work for the Hamlet. We will be in a position to continue to do so once the CIRB ruling on essential services is issued.

Thank you

Jason Rochon

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