



Bargaining underway for new contract with West Coast Medical Imaging

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Bargaining is underway for a new collective agreement between HSA and West Coast Medical Imaging (WCMI).

Union bargaining committee members Gary Finnerty and Fran Wagner from the Lower Mainland and Lee McKellar and Jenn Frost from Victoria, along with HSA staff negotiators Dani Demetlika and Gurleen Sahota and labour relations specialist Jessica Magalios, got underway at the end of April and resumed yesterday, with two days of bargaining scheduled for this week, and another two days scheduled at the beginning of June.

HSA surveyed all WCMI members last winter about priorities for bargaining, and the bargaining committee developed proposals based on the issues identified by members. Bargaining opened with proposals for comprehensive changes in collective agreement language to address members' concerns. In addition, the parties have agreed to work collaboratively to resolve the issues related to seniority of members who work as casuals.

Bargaining continues this week, and is scheduled to reconvene June 1st and 2nd.

HSA represents almost 200 members working at sites in the Lower Mainland and Victoria.

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