



Nurses ratify new contract by 97.1 per cent

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Members of the unions belonging to the Nurses Bargaining Association have voted by 97.1 per cent to ratify the new Provincial Collective Agreement.

Bargaining Association members unions are BC Nurses Union, the Union of Psychiatric Nurses, and the Health Sciences Association.

About 55 per cent of the NBAs 25,000 members turned out to vote with 13,289 voting yes, 397 voting no and 88 spoiled ballots.

Such overwhelming support reflects the success of the NBA bargaining committee at the negotiating table. This success could only have been achieved with the strong support and participation received from members throughout the bargaining process.

The NBA bargaining committee thanks RNs and RPNs for their support. Now that the contract has been ratified, the NBA will work hard with the provincial government to make sure the terms of the agreement are implemented to improve nurses working conditions and enable RNs and RPNs to provide quality care to patients.

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