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BARGAINING BULLETIN

The bargaining newsletter for Locals 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 378

How to Stay *Informed* During Negotiations



News happens fast during negotiations and the union isn't allowed to use the employer's e-mail system.

The best way to make sure you get all of the up-to-date details is to provide the union with your personal e-mail address at mgeu.ca (just look for the "Update Your Information" link at the top of the page). You can also click on the "Find your Local / Contract" link for the latest information for your Local.

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2014 Bargaining Process Begins this Month

Though it might be hard to believe, our current contract expires next spring and our elected MGEU Bargaining Committee has already been meeting.

This fall is your chance to have your say!

This October we are coming to your area for Bargaining Proposal meetings. This is your opportunity to come out and have your say about what improvements you'd like to see in the new contract.

On the other side, you'll find a handy info-graphic about how a member's proposal makes its way through the process, and how we all eventually end up with a ratified collective agreement.

If you have any questions about bargaining, please feel free to contact any member of the bargaining committee through the MGEU Resource Centre.

Your AFM Bargaining Committee:

Andrea Smelski (Area 2)
Jarrett Yaworski (Area 5)
Melanie Barnabe (Area 6)
Jeffrey McIntyre (Area 8)
Karla Steele (Staff Rep)

Bargaining Proposal Meetings

Area 6 – October 16
1:30 PM & 6:30 PM
Canad Inns 1824 Pembina Hwy

Area 2 – October 23
4:45 PM
MGEU Office - Dauphin

Area 4 – October 23
5:00 PM
MGEU Office - Portage La Prairie

Area 5 – October 29
6:30 PM
MGEU Office - Selkirk

Area 3 – October 30
7:00 PM
MGEU Office - Brandon

Area 8 – October 30
12:00 PM
MGEU Office - Thompson

Have YOU seen the elephant in the room?

This spring, the MGEU launched a new ad campaign with a simple message: members are telling us that they're working hard to do more with less, but services are starting to suffer.

"This is the elephant in the room no taxpayer really wants to talk about. What are we prepared to do when tax revenues aren't enough?" said MGEU president Michelle Gawronsky. "As Manitobans, and as people working in the public sector, we need to start this



conversation with our friends and families."

In January, an MGEU poll found that 47% of Manitobans greatly value their public services, and want to do what it takes to sustain them. Meanwhile, in a separate survey of MGEU members, more than half said their workload has increased in the past five years.

You can watch the ad, discover interesting Elefacts, read about the services, send a message to your MLA and share your story at [ElephantTalk.ca!](http://ElephantTalk.ca)

HOW AN IDEA BECOMES PART OF YOUR CONTRACT

All MGEU members work under the protection of a contract (aka collective agreement) negotiated with their employer. The MGEU oversees hundreds of contracts and each one is built upon democratic principles. Bargaining is a complicated process and no two rounds of bargaining are the same.

Here's generally how it works.

