



News Release

Mediation Set For October

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Yellowknife, NT- Mr. Vince Ready, a highly-regarded mediator with more than 30 years of experience, has been chosen to assist the Government of the Northwest Territories and the Union of Northern Workers attempt to conclude a new collective agreement. Mediation dates have been scheduled with Mr. Ready for October 25-27, 2018 in Yellowknife.

The GNWT and the Union have been negotiating a new collective agreement since January 2016. After multiple rounds of negotiations, agreement was reached on a number of items. Although the GNWT has not served the Union with notice of mediation under the Public Service Act for the outstanding issues, the parties agreed to proceed with identifying a mediator and determining dates.

Todd Parsons, President of the Union of Northern Workers says that “The Union is optimistic that a negotiated agreement can be reached with the GNWT. Although the GNWT characterized the economic times as “challenging”, the reality is that they have boasted about the millions of dollars of operating surpluses. We also remain prepared to return to the bargaining table prior to October should the GNWT wish to change their current position.”

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