



## **Bargaining Communiqué**

### **To All UNW/PSAC Members who are GNWT Employees**

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January 31, 2019

Today, the Government of the Northwest Territories decided to send out an additional misleading document titled “Other Outstanding Issues.”

Although we do not share the Employer’s views on the majority of the contents of the document, we wholeheartedly share their sentiment regarding the talents of the Mediator, Mr. Vince Ready: *“Mr. Ready is one of the most experienced and highly respected mediators in the country whose opinion and guidance should be welcomed by both the GNWT and UNW.”*

If the government is serious about reaching a fair agreement and avoiding a strike, they will stop their attempts to provoke. We already offered binding arbitration to put an end to this dispute which was refused by the GNWT. Here is another offer to avoid a strike:

- 1. The parties proceed to Mediation on February 8 & 9**
- 2. Attempts are made to resolve all outstanding issues;**
- 3. Any issues not resolved, the parties agree to accept the recommendations of the Mediator as final and binding.**

Step #1 and #2 will go ahead regardless of whether the GNWT agrees to the good faith, evenhanded offer proposed in step #3.

**UNW MESSAGE TO THE GNWT – TIME IS RUNNING OUT – IT’S TIME TO WALK THE WALK**