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Bargaining Communiqué

The Union of Northern Workers/GNWT bargaining team met in Yellowknife on August 2 - 4, 2011, to prioritize bargaining demands in preparation for negotiations with the Government of the Northwest Territories.

Key issues identified by delegates to the GNWT Bargaining Conference that took place in May were examined in detail.

The bargaining team will meet again to review the demands before exchanging proposals with representatives of the Employer.

Although the current Collective Agreement does not expire until March 31, 2012, the Union would like to start bargaining late this fall with the goal of achieving a renewal agreement before the expiry, said Todd Parsons, President of the Union of Northern Workers.

UNW is a component of PSAC and represents about 5,500 employees throughout the Northwest Territories. Approximately 4,000 of them work for the GNWT.

Bargaining team members include Lauraine Armstrong (Fort Smith); Brad Brake (Fort Smith); Sheila Laity (Yellowknife); Leon Nason (Hay River); Valerie Robertson (Inuvik); and Frank Walsh (Yellowknife), as well as Todd Parsons (UNW President); Roxanne Baisi (UNW Director of Membership Services); Shawn Vincent (PSAC Research Officer) and Gail Lem (PSAC Negotiator).