

ALBERTA UNION OF PROVINCIAL EMPLOYEES

BARGAINING UPDATE

OCTOBER 14, 2020

GOVERNMENT SERVICES BARGAINING COMMITTEE

LOCALS: 001, 002, 003,
004, 005, 006, 009, 012

ALL EMPLOYEES

NEGOTIATIONS TO RESUME, EMPLOYER AND UNION SEEK DATES FOR NEW TALKS

Negotiations for a new collective agreement with the Government of Alberta (GOA) will resume as soon as the employer and union can agree on new dates.

The GOA informed your negotiating team last week that it saw no reason to delay bargaining or extend job protection again and wanted to resume talks. Despite Alberta facing a second wave in the COVID-19 pandemic, the employer said the surge in cases was not an issue and: "It is business as usual."

As a result, your bargaining committee is required to return to the table.

This means that the agreement to delay bargaining and extend the Letter of Understanding on job protection expires tomorrow (Thursday, Oct. 15).

When talks began in February, the employer proposed a wage cut and freezes, along with rollbacks to the collective agreement and contracting out. Your negotiating team proposed a two year deal with raises of 2.5 per cent per year and the continuation of job security provisions.

Any questions about position abolishment should be directed to AUPE Member Service Officers (MSOs). You can reach your MSO by contacting the Member Resource Centre (MRC) at <https://www.aupe.org/contact-member-resource-centre> or by calling 1-800-232-7284.

Please stay tuned for further bargaining updates.

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