



CUPE Joint Bargaining News

LOCAL 79

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There's something different about this round of bargaining:

- Local 416 and Local 79 are meeting regularly to coordinate bargaining strategies
- Local 79 President Ann Dembinski, Local 416 President Mark Ferguson and CUPE National President Paul Moist met to work out a significant commitment of CUPE National resources to this round of bargaining
- The two locals are addressing some historical differences and building bridges to the future

Different tables, same message, equals bargaining strength

The bargaining teams for more than 24,000 City of Toronto employees have been at their respective tables, working to negotiate new collective agreements.

These are challenging times for all workers, But we feel confident that both inside and outside workers in the City have more strength than ever when it comes to bargaining.

That's because your unions — CUPE Local 79 and Toronto Civic Employees Union, CUPE Local 416 are coordinating our efforts.

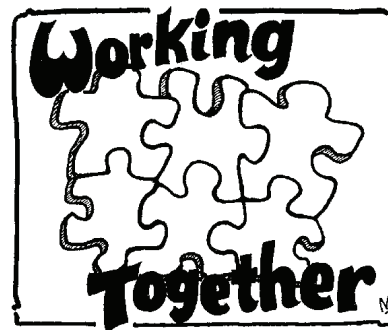
We're building on the coordination that already happens within each local among our different

bargaining units. We know from experience that the diversity within our own locals translates into strength at our different tables with different employers.

Now, we're at different tables with the same employer. We know that coordination can only strengthen our positions — and the employer knows it, too.

Call for picket captains

While talks continue, we also have to prepare for all possible developments. Now is the time to pull together lists of picket captains and other volunteers for the various committees that would be



required in the event of a strike.

If you are interested, please fill out the form below and return it to your union steward.

In solidarity,

Ann Dembinski,
President,
CUPE Local 79

Mark Ferguson,
President,
TCEU CUPE Local 416

Sign up now — picket captains and other volunteers



Fill out this form (please print clearly), clip and deliver to your union steward. Check one:



Yes, sign me up as a picket captain!

I want to volunteer for a committee. Just tell me where my union needs help!

Name _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Email (non-work) _____