



## BARGAINING UPDATE

**Negotiations Break Off  
Strike Vote Called**

**LOCAL  
42**

**Update On  
Bargaining  
Between NSGEU  
and CDHA -  
Healthcare**

**February 16, 2012**

Talks between your Bargaining Committee and the CDHA ended abruptly today when the Employer tabled a wage offer that consisted of a three year deal with increases of 1% in each year. On top of the insulting wage offer, the Employer has not withdrawn any of the concessions they tabled on the opening day of negotiations. No agreement has been reached on any of the Union's proposals, even though we modified our position on a number of our original proposals.

The Union will be filing for conciliation today and will be conducting a strike vote to back our demands for a fair agreement that recognizes the value of the work our members do to provide care for Nova Scotians. We are very disappointed that the Employer has approached this round of negotiations in such a blatantly disrespectful manner by not being prepared to work towards reaching a deal that will be acceptable to our members.

We are conducting a telephone town hall meeting on Monday, February 20, starting at 8 pm. It's easy: we will call you at your home phone number between 8pm and 8:05pm, simply pick up the phone and you will be connected to the meeting. NSGEU President Joan Jessome and your Bargaining Committee will be discussing the negotiations, the conciliation process, and the strike vote. You will have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have or just listen. We strongly urge you to participate in this call regarding the important next steps in this process.

We are also holding a special local meeting on Tuesday, February 21, at the Royal Bank Theatre Halifax Infirmary starting at 7:30pm

You will be receiving a ballot in the very near future asking you to support strike action to back our demands. Please watch for this package in the mail and return your ballot as directed.

Your Bargaining Committee needs your support to succeed during these very difficult negotiations. Make sure your voice is heard.

If you have any questions, or want to ensure we have your accurate home phone number and home address contact us at 424-4063 (toll free 1-877-556-7438), or e-mail us at [inquiry@nsgeu.ca](mailto:inquiry@nsgeu.ca)

You can also find information at [www.nsgeulocal42.com](http://www.nsgeulocal42.com), [www.facebook.com/nsgeulocal42](https://www.facebook.com/nsgeulocal42), or on twitter at @nsgeu42

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