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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **NSGEU Holding Rally for Locked Out Municipal Workers**

The Nova Scotia Government and General Union (NSGEU) is holding a rally on:

Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.  
Museum of Industry in Stellarton

NSGEU members of Local 60A have been locked out by the Pictou County Shared Service Authority since Monday, May 31 when they showed up for work that day. There have been no new negotiations since then

The Union is holding the rally on Wednesday to draw further attention to this dispute and to the need to resolve it as fairly and quickly as possible. It is being held to coincide with the Annual General Meeting of the Pictou Regional Development Commission and an awards banquet. NSGEU President Joan Jessome will be speaking at the rally.

According to Ms. Jessome, "We are seeking a first agreement for our members that would mirror the existing one we have with the Municipality of Pictou (one of the signatory municipalities in the new Pictou County Shared Service Authority)."

"We have been attempting to bargain in good faith from the beginning of our negotiations last fall. However, the employer has not treated these negotiations seriously from the very beginning. Their final "take it or leave it" offer on the evening of May 30th gave further evidence that they were not interested in reaching an agreement.

There are 13 members of the bargaining unit and they include administrators, building inspectors and development officers, lab technicians, waste treatment plant maintenance operators. These employees issue permits for the sub-division of land, issue building permits, do building inspections, operate the waste treatment plant, and handle accounts payable.

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*The Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union represents over 28,000 women and men who provide quality public services Nova Scotians count on every day.*

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