



**Health Care Council of Unions
Bargaining Update**

Good afternoon,

As you are aware, Health Care Council of Unions representatives met with employer representatives on Monday, March 4th to exchange proposals and have had another two dates at the bargaining table with employer representatives. Talks have been collegial with some progress made on non-monetary items. Six additional dates are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, May 14th

Wednesday, May 15th

Wednesday, May 22nd

Thursday, May 23rd

Tuesday, June 18th

Wednesday, June 19th

Additionally, we continue to work towards reaching an Essential Services staffing agreement, as required by legislation. So far, ten dates have been held, and another three are scheduled for May 7th and 24th, and June 25th.

What are Essential Services?

As a result of legislation passed by the past Liberal provincial government, CUPE now bargains as part of a Council of Unions. Along with Unifor and the NSGEU for the Health Care Council, we collectively represent approximately 7,500 health care workers working in a wide variety of roles at Nova Scotia Health (NSH) throughout the province and the IWK. We are also now compelled by legislation to work with the employer to establish an Essential Services staffing agreement prior to any legal strike action taking place.

Please keep a close eye on your email over the coming weeks and speak with your coworkers to ensure they are receiving updates from the union, as well.

If you have questions or concerns about the bargaining process, please contact your Area VP.