



Bargaining

Brief

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In accordance with Association policy, regular communication will be provided to NLTA members by way of periodic updates on the status of the collective bargaining process. In the last update, we reported that opening proposals had been exchanged and confirmed the members of the negotiating teams for Government and the Association. There were no further talks on the Labrador West Collective Agreement while negotiations on the provincial contract were ongoing, but discussions resumed once a Provincial Tentative Agreement was reached in February 2019.

In April 2019, Government dropped the writ for the Provincial election and went into “caretaker mode”, leaving negotiations temporarily on hold until the end of the election. However, there were several meetings with the negotiating team in May and June and there should be further updates in the near future.

In addition, the composition of Government’s negotiating team has changed. Government’s chief negotiator was previously George Joyce (Assistant Deputy Minister (Advisory Services Branch), Human Resource Secretariat). That position is now held by Sarah Anthony, Staff Relations Specialist, Executive Council (Human Resource Secretariat).

As previously communicated, the members of the NLTA negotiating team for Labrador West are:

Arlene Ann Johnson (Chairperson), President, Labrador West Branch, Social Studies Department Head, Menihek High (grades 8–12), Labrador City

Sandy Crowley, Speech-Language Pathologist, A.P. Low Primary School (grades K–12), Labrador City

Chloé Tinkler, Teaching Principal, Centre éducatif l’ENVOL (grades 5–9), Labrador City

Kris Brown, Classroom Teacher, A.P. Low Primary School (grade 3), Labrador City

Miriam Sheppard, NLTA Administrative Officer, is now Chief Spokesperson for the Association, replacing Stefanie Tuff.

We will keep you advised of any significant developments or progress in negotiations through subsequent Bargaining Briefs and other communications as necessary.