



## **Bargaining Update**

**From: Blaise MacNeil, CEO, South West Health  
on behalf of Nova Scotia's district health authorities and the  
IWK Health Centre**

**Date: May 18, 2012**

**Re: DHAs reach tentative agreement with CUPE**

I am pleased to announce that the province's district health authorities reached a tentative agreement with CUPE early on Friday, May 18.

We will not be releasing any further information at this time, in order to provide CUPE with the opportunity to communicate the details of the tentative agreement with their members first.

The districts and CUPE bargained at a common "provincial table" which covered 18 collective agreements, across eight districts:

- Seven Healthcare bargaining units with approximately 2,098 employees in total, who are employed in a wide range of mostly clinical positions such as pharmacists, occupational therapists and licensed practical nurses.
- Six Service bargaining units with approximately 1,035 employees in total, who are employed in certified trades and environmental positions such as carpenters, cooks and laundry workers.
- Five Clerical bargaining units with approximately 920 employees in total, who are employed in administrative positions such as payroll clerks, secretaries and booking clerks.

Once the results of the ratification vote are available, I will send a further update.