

News Release

Government of Nunavut and Nunavut Employees Union sign collective agreement

Iqaluit, Nunavut (June 17, 2008) – Levi Barnabas, Minister responsible for the Public Service Act, and Doug Workman, President of the Nunavut Employees Union (NEU), today concluded negotiations by signing a four year agreement at a signing ceremony at the Legislative Assembly.

"The Government of Nunavut values the contributions and dedication of its public servants and the benefits and improvements in this agreement reflects that," said Minister Barnabas. "We are pleased public service employees voted in favour of the offer."

The highlights of the contract include a 17.5 per cent increase in wages and benefits over four years, an increase to the Northern Allowance, the addition of traditional hunting, fishing and harvesting days, an increase in training allowances, an improvement in the wording of several clauses as well as a new continuous service bonus.

There are several Memorandums of Understanding within the agreement that provide the opportunity for the Government of Nunavut (GN) and the NEU to work together to further improve the GN workplace.

The Minister personally extends congratulations and thanks to each member of the negotiating teams for their time and effort.

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