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GN clarifies inaccurate information re: potential strike

IQALUIT, Nunavut (March 15, 2012) – Information reported in a radio broadcast and on an on-line news website today is inaccurate regarding action that the GN can take during labour negotiations and when a legal strike can occur.

“The Government of Nunavut respects the confidentiality of the bargaining process, and believes successful negotiations are best accomplished at the table,” said Joe Adla Kunuk, Deputy Minister of Human Resources. “The Government of Nunavut also feels it has a responsibility to its employees and Nunavummiut to ensure they have accurate information and so, will provide clarification when necessary. “

The Government of Nunavut’s actions regarding labour negotiations are governed by the Nunavut *Public Service Act*.

- Under the Public Service Act the Government of Nunavut **does not** have a provision to lock out employees during a strike or work disruption.
- Until an essential services agreement is in place Government of Nunavut employees are not in a legal position to strike.

“The Government of Nunavut places high value on its employees and while we remain hopeful than an agreement can be reached, we are prepared in the event of an employee strike,” said Mr. Kunuk. “We want to assure Nunavummiut that the GN will continue to provide essential services throughout any work disruption.”

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