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City of Peterborough Labour Negotiations - CUPE Local 504

On Wednesday, December 17, 2008 the CUPE Local 504 Bargaining Committee rejected the City of Peterborough's offer of a one-year agreement with a 1.5% wage increase effective January 1, 2009. The City's offer was based on the current and forecasted economic realities and follows the federal and provincial governments' guideline to limit public sector wage settlements to 1.5%.

Although the City recognizes that other bargaining units may have negotiated Collective Agreements in previous years that provide for 2009 wage adjustments, current negotiations for wage settlements must reflect the current serious economic situation.

CUPE Local 504 could be in a legal position to strike by mid-January, 2009 but the City is hopeful that the CUPE Local 504 Bargaining Committee will continue negotiations and that a strike can be avoided.

This information is also available on our City of Peterborough website at www.peterborough.ca.

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