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# Tentative Deal Reached for Yukon's Hospital Workers Strike Narrowly Averted

The bargaining team and union representing roughly 250 workers have achieved a tentative contract with the Yukon Hospital Corporation. Two solid days of negotiations between the union and the employer have netted the deal which removes the immediate threat of a lockout or a strike.

Both parties have been in a legal strike or lockout position, with only 72 hours' notice required to initiate job action.

On February 7<sup>th</sup>, the members of YEU/PSAC Local Y025 provided their bargaining team with an overwhelming strike mandate, affirming the team's priorities and strengthening their position for the February 14 and 15 negotiations.

Yukon Employee's Union Vice President Paul Johnston, present for most of the negotiations said "The membership was clear that workload was their key bargaining issue, and this team did a great job maintaining focus on what mattered most. They worked incredibly hard, and I was inspired by their solidarity".

The workers, represented by the Public Service Alliance of Canada and the Yukon Employees' Union will vote to ratify or reject the tentative deal March 4<sup>th</sup>.

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