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Acute Care Bargaining Update

Dear NSNU Member,

Early in the new year, the elected Nova Scotia Council of Nursing Unions negotiating team proposed bargaining dates with your acute care employers (IWK and NSH) to begin the face-to-face bargaining process. The Council is comprised of representatives from four healthcare unions (NSNU, NSGEU, CUPE and Unifor).

The unions provided the employer with a list of 28 possible dates for bargaining between February and June.

The confirmed bargaining dates are as follows:

February 28th

March 20th -21st

April 6th, 12th and 13th

May 1st -2nd, 15th -16th, 25th and 26th

June 12th-13th

The Health Authorities Act, passed by the provincial government in 2014, requires all nurses employed at Nova Scotia Health (NSH) and IWK to bargain together in a Council of Nursing Unions. Under the four Council constitutions, one union appoints the chief negotiator for each Council. The NSNU appoints the Chief Negotiator for the Nursing Council and has the majority of bargaining committee members. NSGEU appoints the Deputy Chief Negotiator and holds the second largest number of seats on the committee (you can view the Council Constitutions at <https://www.nsnu.ca/CONUConstitution>.)

We appreciate your patience as we progress in this round of negotiations. If you have questions or concerns about the bargaining process, please respond directly to this notice.