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NLFL and Affiliates Rally to Support Town of Placentia Workers Entering Seventh Week of Strike

Placentia, NL – The Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Labour (NLFL) and its affiliates will be part of a rally in Placentia to support the 15 workers for the Town of Placentia as they enter into their seventh week of strike action. The rally will take place August 23rd, 2019 at 11:30 AM in front of the Town Hall in Placentia.

The 15 workers, represented by CUPE 1761, have been on strike since July 16, 2019. Prior to that, they had been without a contract for 16 months. They have made repeated attempts to return to the bargaining table, and have even made conciliatory offers in order to end the job dispute -- such as lowering their requested cost of living increase from 2% to 1.5%, a mere 40¢ per hour increase. Placentia Mayor Bernie Power has not returned with a counter offer.

“It’s really important to do whatever we can to force the mayor and town council to see an end to this labour dispute,” said Mary Shortall, President of the NLFL. “This strike is important to all union members in the province. The collective bargaining process is the only legal process unions have to bring more fairness and equality to their work. It’s frustrating to see little movement from the employer. Our members will support these workers as long as it takes.”

The NLFL and its affiliates will bring greetings and support to CUPE 1761 and help to send a message to Mayor Bernie Power that it’s long past time to return to the bargaining table and negotiate a fair contract for these workers.

The NLFL represents 70,000 members who work in every community in Newfoundland & Labrador (NL), and in every sector of the NL economy.

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