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Media Advisory: Interval House staff to leaflet Nappanee, seek public support for a return to negotiations

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NAPPANEE – Shelter workers at the Lennox and Addington Interval House are hitting the streets of Nappanee to seek public support for bargaining as their employer refuses to continue normal negotiations.

When: Wednesday, July 21 – Friday, July 23

Where: Downtown Nappanee

Who: Shelter workers from Interval House Lennox and Addington

“When you Unifor members around town this week, I hope that you stop and listen, then answer their call for support,” said Jerry Dias, Unifor National President. “Shelter workers are often unsung heroes that never hesitate to support survivors of violence, and they deserve respect from their employer and recognition of this commitment.”

Negotiations stalled between the employer and Unifor Local 414 while in a conciliation process, and the employer refuses to return to the table and is instead insisting on negotiations by email. Lennox and Addington Interval House (LAIH), is a shelter that serves women and children leaving domestic violence.

The current collective agreement has been expired for more than one year and covers approximately 20 workers at LAIH. Workers are seeking the same or similar collective agreement language that sister agencies in neighbouring communities have, aiming to address issues of representation, disciplinary actions and job postings.

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