

## **Bargaining at CRA: Mediator appointed in impasse process**

The Federal Public Sector Labour Relations and Employment Board has informed PSAC-UTE that it will appoint a mediator after the bargaining team [declared impasse](#) last month. Mediation dates have not yet been determined.

PSAC-UTE accepts the opportunity to work with a third-party mediator to move discussions forward and help break the deadlock in negotiations.

### **Board delays decision on PIC process**

When PSAC-UTE declared impasse last month, we asked the Board to skip the PIC process so bargaining could move forward more quickly. The employer opposed that request, arguing the parties were not at impasse and that a PIC should be set up if the Board determined an impasse existed.

Rather than deciding on this request now, the Board will appoint mediators to work with the parties and reserve its decision on any other requests until May 29 or the conclusion of mediation.

### **Moving forward**

Our bargaining team will approach mediation in good faith and remain ready to negotiate a fair agreement that reflects the priorities of our members on key issues, including securing protections around artificial intelligence, work-life balance, and remote work enshrined in the collective agreement, as well as fair wage increases.