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## **Media Release: CUPE 456 and City of Melville reach impasse in bargaining**

**(MELVILLE)** After several months of bargaining the City of Melville has notified the Minister of Labour that negotiations with CUPE 456 have reached impasse two days before Christmas. Although the action was anticipated following months of stalled negotiations over wages and working conditions, the timing was unexpected given the parties last met on December 2.

“The Grinch isn’t supposed to be a “how to” manual, but the City of Melville’s latest move would positively inspire the holiday character,” said Dylan Breland, CUPE national representative. “Christmas is about people coming together, but this move by the city has put a damper on workers’ holiday cheer.”

The union was hopeful that a deal could still be reached in the new year without intervention from the Ministry of Labour Relations and Workplace Safety.

“At this time, neither party is in a legal position to withdraw services but the timing of the city declaring impasse does not suggest they are eager to reach a deal,” said Kevin Schick, president of CUPE 456.

CUPE 456 represents inside and outside workers in the City of Melville.

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