

# NEWSBULLETIN

Pensions up 6.32%/CUPE 786 Helps Community/Grinch at HHS over retro pay

## HOOPP pensions will increase by 6.32%

The Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan will increase its pensions to retirees by 6.32% in 2023 to reflect inflation in Ontario. This is the rate of inflation, Canada-wide, according to Statistics Canada.

The Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan adjusts pensions upwards each year in response to the rate of inflation.

The Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan is a jointly administered pension plan. 4 unions (including CUPE), and the employer, the Ontario Hospital Association, have an equal number of votes and make decisions on the plan together.

**OCHU/CUPE MEMBERSHIP CALL**  
**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2023 @ 5:30PM EST**

**CENTRAL BARGAINING UPDATE**

**DIAL-IN NUMBER:  
 1-877-229-8493  
 PIN: 114211#**

## Union to bargain in March after court strikes down Bill 124

CUPE and the SEIU return to bargaining with the Ontario Hospital Association on March 23 & 24, after the courts struck down Bill 124 in November 2022.

Although the Ford government has announced an appeal of the court decision, it has not asked the courts to leave the Bill in effect while an appeal is heard.

CUPE and SEIU negotiated that if the legislation (which limited wage increases to 1%) was struck down, the unions could return to bargaining. These negotiations will cover the period from September 2021 to September 2023.



CUPE 7811 President Diane Pecore and members with postcard they presented to their MPP before Christmas holidays in Cornwall

**Sticker day, Christmas card campaign urge PC MPPs not to appeal Bill 124 overturn by courts**

Members of CUPE, ONA, OPSEU, SEIU and Unifor wore stickers at work on December 20, asking their Progressive Conservative MPP not to appeal the court decision that struck down Bill 124, which limited our ability to bargain wage increases beyond 1% a year.

Many local unions also delivered giant Christmas cards asking their MPPs not to appeal the decision to strike down the Bill. CUPE and SEIU return to bargaining March 23 and 24 to try to improve wages for the years 2021-2023 now that the Bill is struck down.



CUPE 786 President Santo Cimino and executive with cheque for \$14,000 for Hamilton charities



CUPE 7800 President Jillian Watt takes on HHS Grinch who delayed retro payments for our members' back pay