

Paramedics reach tentative agreement with DSB

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ESPANOLA—The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board (DSB) has a tentative deal on a new contract with all of its paramedics, represented by the Ontario Public Services Employees Union (OPSEU).

Fern Dominelli, CAO of the DSB, told the Recorder last week “We have a tentative contract agreement in place. The next step is to have the tentative deal reviewed, and ratified, by both parties.”

As reported in the December 21, 2012 edition of the Recorder, OPSEU had filed for conciliation in its negotiations on a new contract with the DSB.

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OPSEU unit had filed for conciliation and that after nine days of negotiations, the two sides could not agree on a new contract and this had led to conciliation being requested by OPSEU.

The DSB board and union negotiators had also agreed on a tentative agreement in March 2012, but this had been turned down by the OPSEU members.

The OPSEU paramedics’ previous contract expired December 31, 2011.

Mr. Dominelli said the tentative agreement will be brought forward for review by the DSB board at its meeting this week for ratification, then it will be before the OPSEU members (paramedics) next week for possible ratification. Until the tentative deal is ratified by both parties, details on the agreement will not be released, he added.