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NIPISSING & PARRY SOUND

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Nipissing and Parry Sound Children's Aid Society – Labour Disruption

Despite continued negotiations between C.U.P.E Local 2049 and the employer, the Children's Aid Society of the district of Nipissing and Parry Sound will be facing a labour disruption effective December 23rd, 2016 at 12:01 a.m.

Nipissing Parry Sound CAS Executive Director, Gisèle Hébert said today that the Agency's contingency plan will minimize disruption to protection services. "Our goal is to ensure the best possible service to children, youth and families under the circumstances." The Society will be responding to child protection concerns 24 hours a day.

All Youth Justice Services and Early Intervention Programs will be suspended.

"We believe we've negotiated in good faith. We've put forth a Final offer that we believe is balanced." The Final offer was put to a supervised vote through the Ministry of Labour on December 13, 2016. C.U.P.E members voted 96% against the Employer's final offer. "We are disappointed that we were unable to reach an agreement and our hope is that this unfortunate situation can be resolved quickly"

Nipissing Parry Sound Children's Aid Society is a non-profit multi-service organization whose mission is to protect children, youth and to promote and advocate for the welfare of children, youth and families.

Emergency referrals can be reported to the Society by calling 705-472-0910 or toll free at 1-877-303-0910.