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CUPE Local #4728 Contract Negotiations Successfully Completed

Grand Forks, BC -- The City of Grand Forks and CUPE Local #4728 successfully ratified a new four-year Collective Bargaining Contract that came into effect as of March 1st, 2013. Contract negotiations lasted approximately six hours with union members voting 100% in favour of the new agreement. The new contract was adopted by Council on March 25th.

Mayor Taylor advised, "We are fortunate to have a strong and respectful working relationship with our union members."

"Overall, we are extremely pleased with the professional and process-oriented negotiations," says Doug Allin, Chief Administrative Officer for the City of Grand Forks.

Mike Noseworthy, President of CUPE Local #4728 commented, "It was a pleasure negotiating our current contract. Thanks to the Bargaining Committee for a job well done!"

The negotiating team consisted of four union representatives and three from the City's management team. Highlights of the new contract include a 2% wage increase annually for four years with a reduced sick time.

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