



# Bargaining Bulletin

## CAW Local 555, Unit 1

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The Union and University bargaining teams met again on May 19, 2009

Although the parties have reached tentative agreements on some relatively non-contentious issues, many more difficult issues remain. Over the next days and weeks your bargaining team will continue the struggle over these more challenging issues.

To this end, the parties have explored the possibility of further meeting dates in May and June. The next confirmed dates are June 2nd to 4th.

Of course, no agreement on any portion is final until an agreement is reached on all of the issues and a complete tentative agreement is presented for the members' final decision at a ratification meeting.

Your bargaining team is fully committed to reaching a fair and equitable agreement for all members of our unit. We will continue to fight hard on your behalf through the collective bargaining process.

**Reminder:**  
**Local 555 General Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 27, 2009**  
**12:00 pm - 1:00 pm**  
**CIBC Hall (3rd Floor)**  
**McMaster University Student Centre**

Bargaining Bulletin Bio...

Ron Smith  
CAW National  
Representative



Ron Smith is a National Representative working for the Canadian Auto Workers national union. He is one of their most experienced reps, having negotiated over 65 collective agreements. Each national rep is assigned a number of units as their area of responsibility. Ron's assignment includes all four units of Local 555, the CN Tower Restaurant, the Toronto Granite Club, a Harvey's restaurant in Toronto, and some auto parts locals including four Magna locals. Ron is also currently bargaining renewal agreements at other employers including Air Canada Jazz.

Prior to becoming a CAW National rep, Ron was the President of the Air Traffic Specialist Association of Canada, a Canada-wide union that merged with the CAW several years ago.

For Ron this is the second round of bargaining for our unit.

