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Tentative Agreement Reached for Marine Communications and Traffic Service Officers

(Ottawa) - CAW Local 2182, which represents 360 officers at Marine Communications and Traffic Service centres, has reached a tentative agreement with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Federal Treasury Board.

The tentative agreement, which was reached March 7 in Ottawa, covers officers at 22 locations across Canada.

“The bargaining committee felt it was important to bargain a collective agreement with this difficult employer prior to the Harper Government releasing the federal budget on March 29th,” said CAW Local 2182 President Martin Gregoire. “The budget is sure to have further austerity measures that will negatively effect the work force right across the federal civil service,” he said.

The three-year agreement provides wage increases in each year as well as various improvements to the leave provisions.

“This is another example of how collective bargaining is intended to work,” said CAW President Ken Lewenza. “This agreement was reached without any government intervention which is becoming more and more difficult to accomplish during these tough economic times.”

CAW Local 2182 members will vote on the tentative agreement over the next three weeks at meetings across Canada.

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