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## GNWT and UNW Reach Tentative Agreement

**YELLOWKNIFE (April 23, 2009)** – The Union of Northern Workers (UNW) and the Government of the Northwest Territories have reached a tentative agreement for a new three-year collective agreement.

If ratified, the new collective agreement will be effective April 1, 2009 and will apply to the almost 4000 UNW members employed by the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) across the Northwest Territories (NWT), as well as employees with the Workers' Safety and Compensation Commission in the NWT and Nunavut.

UNW President Todd Parsons said, "I am pleased that we have been able to come to a tentative agreement with the GNWT for our members. The Union's bargaining team will be recommending ratification of this agreement."

Debbie DeLancey, Deputy Minister of Human Resources, welcomed the new agreement. "Together we have taken big steps to balance both our needs, including making administration of the agreement clearer and simpler. We are very pleased that an agreement has been reached."

Both parties will be sending the tentative agreement for ratification.

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