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## CUPE Local 926 approves new contract following tentative agreement with Wilfrid Laurier University

WATERLOO – Wilfrid Laurier University is pleased to report that CUPE Local 926 members ratified the tentative agreement that was reached by the two parties on July 15, 2016. The union represents approximately 110 custodial, grounds and trades employees at Laurier's Waterloo campus and Kitchener location.

The university will recall striking workers back to work on their next scheduled shift as per the return-to-work protocols.

The agreement will be put to Laurier's Board of Governors for ratification later this week. Details of the agreement will be disclosed once ratified by both parties.

The university and CUPE began negotiations in October, 2015. The parties met 14 times, including five days with a conciliation officer from the Ministry of Labour and two days of mediation. The union began strike action July 10, 2016. The parties reached a tentative agreement on July 15, 2016.