

HEALTH CARE: Union members will meet Nov. 26 to vote on the unions call for strike

Hospital strike may hit Markham Stouffville

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Markham Stouffville Hospital's 90 support-staff workers with CUPE Local 3651 will be asked to consider an illegal strike next week, as unions turn up the heat on the Ontario Hospital Association.

Workers employed in the housekeeping, food service and engineering departments at Markham Stouffville are affected.

Last week members voted 92 per cent in favour of participating in an illegal strike. But spokesperson Sharon Goldthorpe said a strike may not occur now until January. However, Markham Stouffville's paramedics are organized under the Ontario Public Service Employees Union (OPSEU), not SEIU, and would not be affected.

Markham hospital spokesperson Rosalie Penny said administrators have been preparing for a strike. "They have been meeting to determine how to reduce any disruption to patient services. We are monitoring it very closely," Penny

said.

The unions are also angry with a new arbitration process they say is no longer fair.

"In previous situations, it was an unbiased and fair system. Now it is stacked in favour of the OHA. It's not a fair process," Parker said.

"The OHA has as much as told us we've had it good for so many years and now it's time to pay back," said Martin Parker, local head of the Service Employee International Union, which represents York County hospital workers and paramedics.

Hospital workers organized under the SEIU will stage an information picket outside the Newmarket hospital today.

The OHA bargains on behalf of 160 hospitals across the province. The union is protesting the stalled negotiations and the fact the workers haven't had a contract since 1995.

It also fears the OHA wants to weaken contract language that protects workers against the contracting out of services.

The union local represents 21,000 workers at 30 hospitals from Niagara to Newmarket.



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