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HEALTH: Hospital employees prepare for a strike, which could affect Markham Stouffville

Unionized workers take vote

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The threat of an illegal strike by hospital workers appears to be postponed, but not cancelled, as service employees at York County vote today on whether to support job action.

"It seems the process is on hold — both the possibility of a strike and negotiations," said Dan Carriere, president of York County Hospital and chairperson of the provincial negotiating committee for the Ontario Hospital Association.

The association bargains on behalf of 160 hospitals across the province. But talks are on hold while officials

try to replace the arbitrator who withdrew from the process after the unions objected to him.

Although the workers won't be striking immediately, local union leader Martin Parker says the 500 York County workers organized under the Service Employees International Union will vote today on whether they support an illegal walkout.

The unionized workers include paramedics, clerical, housekeeping and food service personnel and registered practical nurses, who are legally prohibited from striking because they are considered an essential service.

"We will continue with the ballot

ing," Parker said Tuesday. "Especially if the government is just going to appoint another retired judge. We would wouldn't put it past them."

The union has argued that the judges appointed as arbitrators have been biased toward the provincial government.

Although arbitration has been used for years to solve contract disputes, Carriere said this time unions have objected to the people appointed to do the job.

"From my perspective, we need some assistance in resolving these issues. While the whole thing drags out, there are employees who have been without a contract or pay increase, which they deserve. And, as a hospital, we are in a grey zone as to how to effectively plan for services for our patients," Carriere said.

The employees have been without a contract since 1995. The main issues in the dispute include salary and contracting out jobs now performed by unionized workers.

Carriere said what's really at stake is patient care, accommodating the requirements of workers and the needs of hospitals faced with major restructuring.

Should the local union members vote to strike, Parker said hospitals would receive adequate warning.

"We're in the people business and we realize we have a responsibility to the public. We will give hospitals due notice if strike action is coming," Parker said, indicating that a couple of weeks' warning would be provided to hospitals.

In the case of a strike, Parker said some paramedics some would remain on shift during job action.

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