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Welland - City of Welland employees represented by the National Automobile, Aerospace, Transportation and General Workers Union of Canada CAW Local 523 will be in a legal position for work stoppage at 12:01 AM Friday January 9, 2009.

City Manager, Craig Stirtzinger advises that “Collective bargaining began on November 27, 2008 with several meetings since then including two meeting dates currently underway today and tomorrow leading to the Friday morning deadline.” He added “I am optimistic that a settlement will be achieved by the deadline as both parties’ negotiating teams have been working hard to that end. It is also not unusual when a deadline is before you though, to have a contingency plan in the event of failed talks. City management staff has been diligently planning these steps and, again, I am hopeful that they are only a precautionary measure.”

CAW Local 523 represents seventy nine (79) City employees who work in the Public Works and Parks and Facilities divisions, commonly referred to as City outside workers.

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