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Tentative Agreement reached in Watson Lake

The Town of Watson Lake and the members of YEU/PSAC Local Y029 have achieved a tentative deal, ending a week of job action. The employer locked out the 22 unionized employees on Monday March 27th, triggering a strike as the lockout concluded.

The workers maintained a picket line outside the town's administration building, encouraged by a strong show of community support. Jack Bourassa, PSAC's Regional Executive Vice President North is pleased, saying "In a town the size of Watson Lake, moving forward is critical. I'm glad common ground was found quickly so our members and the community can put this behind them".

The main points of contention have been resolved to the mutual satisfaction of both parties, and the union hopes there will be a new era of mutual respect between workers and the employer. YEU President Steve Geick was on the picket line with the workers for much of the week, and states "the members did a terrific job of sticking together, supporting each other and holding a strong line. They stood up for themselves and achieved a deal they can be proud of. This is a cohesive Local and a good team."

Workers will vote to ratify the agreement this week and look forward to returning to work Tuesday April 4th.

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