

Essential Services Timeline

May 14, 2008

The Essential Services Legislation (Bill 5) was passed. This legislation required all Essential Services agreements to be concluded 90 days prior to the expiration of the present collective agreement (March 31, 2009).

Late December 2008

Instead, HSAS only received a list of services required from the health regions.

Early January 2009

HSAS sent notification back to the regions that we require the classification and names to be provided to the Union prior to commencement of the negotiations. This request was repeated two more times.

Late April 2009

HSAS brought a judicial review proceeding in the Court of Queen's Bench requesting an order requiring RQHR to obey the Essential Services legislation and to provide us the lists of HSAS members it proposed to designate as essential.

June 2009

A Consent Order was issued by the court ordering RQHR to provide the list of names without qualification. The order also provided RQHR pay HSAS costs to the tune of \$1500. We have now forwarded this Order on to the other health regions asking them to comply with the law. So far we have had no response.