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*After much discussion, the members' vote on Thursday evening (October 17) resulted in acceptance of the last-minute contract offer made by the Company.*



## **PRESS RELEASE:**

### **Canada's Media Union ratifies new collective agreement**

WINNIPEG, Oct. 18 /CNW/ - After a nine day strike at the Winnipeg Free Press the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada is pleased to announce the ratification of a new collective agreement.

"These negotiations were more than intense," states Dave Coles, Western Region Vice President. "However, the settlement provides not only increases to wages for our members, but also increased editorial space within the paper. We are pleased that the employer is starting to build a more progressive and independent newspaper."

The three-year agreement includes wage increases in each year, significant increases for adult carriers and no concessions.

"We are very proud of the increases to the adult carriers," said Local 191 President Paul Mckie. "These are the only unionized adult carriers in Canada and they deserve to be treated with fairness and dignity."

"Our union fights hard for its members," concluded Coles. "But as Canada's media union we also fight for a more independent and responsible media industry. We believe that this employer is taking a step in the right direction."

CEP represents 150,000 members across Canada including 20,000 in the media sector.



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