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Star unit approves contract

Member overwhelmingly approve deal

Today, 150 Toronto Star unit members of Local 87-M voted to accept a two-year deal that will bring members of the Star Touch tablet team and digital desk into the collective agreement, meaning they are now permanent Star employees.

Our bargaining team unanimously endorsed the agreement and, following well-attended morning and afternoon meetings with members — and some lively debate — 134 voted to accept, versus 16 to reject. That's 89 per cent in favour.

The company and our bargaining team forged a deal that provides language around a healthy workplace, paid leave for victims of domestic violence and an improvement for mental health care for members and their families.

In difficult times for our industry, your bargaining team did its best to represent members' needs. This new contract expires December 31, 2018.

There are sure to be more questions around the deal. Please, don't hesitate to talk to the bargaining committee, your unit executive and stewards.

Signed,

Steve Gjorkes, unit chair, and your bargaining committee: Melissa Andrews, Scott Colby, Jim Coyle, Natasha Grzincic, Andrea Macdonald and Sara Mojtehedzadeh