

What officials and the public had to say

Toronto's outside municipal workers have agreed to a tentative deal

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• “It was a collective sigh of relief ... we're very happy now. Everybody's got that bounce back in their step that they first had when they came out here.”

Randy Cooper, CUPE Local 416, lead hand with parks and recreation; a 49-year-old single parent of one

• “I have friends from out of town who have said to me they're not coming until the garbage strike is over, to visit ... I've already Blackberry messaged most of my people and said ‘listen, you've got to make it back down for next weekend.’ I think it's good because Caribana weekend's next weekend too, so it should be good timing for it, for sure.”

Simon Woo, bank manager

• “I think there's a lot of pressure on them to try to get this resolved right away, because they've gotten people upset all over the place. So I'm definitely hoping it'll finally come through, come to a settlement and come to an end.”

Minahil Medina, who works on Bay Street

• “I asked one of the bargaining members if (Local 416 president) Mark Ferguson upheld his word with maintaining our sick plan, our days, and he said I would not be disappointed.”

Bill Steele, Local 416, picket captain at Commissioner Street transfer station, heavy equipment operator at the station

• “My curiosity, still, is where is all of this going to go? When it comes to the garbage pickup, are we going to be able to put things out on our garbage day and have it picked up, or are we going to be holding on to garbage for the next week or two, putting it out incrementally? It's a little bit up in the air.”

Jimmy Dookhran

• “First reaction was, ‘Geez, well finally.’ I thought this went on way too long. Being a member of the union as well I understand their position, however I felt they just weren't compromising with the city from the information we were all given ... if these people don't want to work, I'm sure there are lots of others out there who do.”

David Kerwood, dropping off garbage at Commissioner Street transfer station

• “I'm happy it was solved. But I live in an apartment. We have private pickup, so it wasn't really an inconvenience. And I don't live near a park.”

Cathy (didn't want to give last name)

• “I live in a condo, so it hasn't had an effect on me. But on the street, the smell is quite bad.”

Jun Cho

• “I'll be glad it's over. It's too much. I feel sorry for all those students, whose summer jobs are basically gone. I have a son myself, he's a student.”

Rosa Ramos, retiree

• “I think (David Miller) did a horrible job as a mayor ... Next time we vote, people will remember this strike.”

Nezia Dias, hairdresser and mother of two