

Miller Says 'Progress' Made in Talks to End Strike (Update2)



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July 3 (Bloomberg) -- Toronto Mayor [David Miller](#) said "some progress" has been made in negotiations with union representatives to end the 12-day garbage strike in Canada's biggest city.

Miller called for city workers to end the strike and reach an agreement that is "affordable" to taxpayers and fair to employees.

"Enough is enough," Miller told reporters today in a televised press conference.

Two union groups, representing 26,200 workers including garbage collectors and [office](#) staff, went on strike June 22 to protest proposed cuts in benefits and sick pay.

The Canadian Union of Public Employees said a settlement can be reached "quickly" if Toronto withdraws its concession demands.

"Enough is enough, Mayor Miller?" union Presidents Mark Ferguson and [Ann Dembinski](#) said in an e-mailed statement today. "Tell it to your negotiators."

Toronto residents have been taking their garbage to 19 temporary [sites](#) in parks and hockey arena parking lots during the strike. Two of the sites, at Christie Pits and York Mills arena, are nearly full and will be closed, Miller said. Two new sites, at Centennial Arena and Wilket Creek Park on Eglinton Avenue, will open in their place.

The city will continue to spray the garbage piles with pesticide to keep out rodents and insects, said Dr. [David McKeown](#), the city's medical officer of health. He said the sites don't pose a health risk if monitored properly.

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