

## **Superstore and Liquorstore mediation commences in July.**

The Alberta government has appointed a mediator for the 3 bargaining relationships that your Union has with Superstores and Liquorstores. Mediation will commence in July.

Steve Morrison, veteran mediator, has been assigned to mediate collective bargaining for Edmonton and area employees; Calgary and area employees; and employees from Medicine Hat, Lethbridge, Red Deer, Camrose, Lloydminster, Grande Prairie and Fort McMurray.

Mediation will commence for Edmonton first on July 22 and July 23, 2008.

The Union will bargain in good faith and look for a deal that meets its members needs and goals. However, the Union will oppose a protracted mediation or anything that unduly delays conducting strike votes. Superstore and Liquorstore senior management must “step up to the plate”.

Under Alberta law a mediation process is mandatory before Superstore and Liquorstore employees can take strike votes. In the meantime please continue to wear your “I’m on strike alert” buttons to continue to convey your message of solidarity to management. Union representatives have distributed over 8,000 of these buttons. Because of the incredible response and show of support among Superstore and Liquorstore employees province wide, the Union has ordered an additional 10,000 of the purple indicators of employee support for the Union’s bargaining efforts.