

## **Mediator Writes Out!**

**June 9<sup>th</sup>** -- At the request and persistence of the Union, the Mediator appointed to the parties has “written out”.

As you know Mediation, which took place on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup> between the Company and the Union, had broken off. The Mediator has now notified the parties that he will be writing a “no recommendation” report which essentially triggers the mandatory **fourteen (14) day cooling off period**, being the required period that we have to wait in order to hold our **strike vote**.

**On April 10, 2010, Edmonton McKesson employees voted 93% in favour of rejecting the Employer’s offer.**

The Employer returned to the bargaining table with, what we believe is, a worse offer than the one that was rejected! “We are hoping that employees will now give us a positive strike mandate which, in turn, will send a very clear message to the Employer that we are not happy with their concessionary position at the bargaining table, and that they need to change their attitude...their employees have simply had enough!”, says Union Rep Don Crisall. “A strike is always a last resort, and we don’t encourage rushing to the street, but at times we are left with few options.”

Many employees have said that it is time to get on with it. If the Employer won’t take us seriously, then perhaps they will with a strong strike mandate.

Please watch your Union bulletin board and [www.ufcw401.ca](http://www.ufcw401.ca) for more important updates regarding the scheduling of possible meetings and a strike vote.

Respectfully,

**Your Bargaining Committee**