

POLITICAL ROUNDUP

The arbitrator assigned to the GoA and AHS tables makes a decision

On Jan. 31 the following wage increases were issued for AHS and GoA members:

- [A one-per-cent pay raise](#) for GoA members for 2019.
- [A one-per-cent pay raise](#) for AHS GSS members retroactive to April 1, 2019.
- [A wage freeze](#) for AHS nursing care members for 2019.

UNA and ATA issued Zeros from Arbitrator

On Jan. 10, the United Nurses of Alberta and the Alberta Teachers Association were issued no wage increases in arbitration. While the UCP and AHS were pushing for wage rollbacks (as they are at our tables), the decision came down to the independent arbitrator.

Government Confirms New Session will begin February 25

MLAs will return to the Legislature on February 25. This new session will begin with a Speech from the Throne, which means old Bills that did not pass during the last session are dead.

AHS Review Delivered

The government contracted Ernst and Young review the organization, services and programs of Alberta Health Services (AHS) and make recommendations for plans the party already has up their sleeve. On Feb. 3, the company's \$2-million report was delivered.

[It recommends](#) up to \$1.9-billion in cuts to health care and massive privatization of services, including surgeries, non-clinical support services that our GSS members deliver and all long-term care (LTC) services provided by Capital Care and Carewest where just over 3,000 AUPE members work, among a number of recommendations to rollback the working conditions and staffing levels of of frontline health-care employees.

UCP to review continuing care legislation

Health Minister Shandro has asked [has asked](#) the Calgary Fish-Creek MLA to take the lead on a review of the province's continuing-care legislation.

JOB LOSSES

As of February 7, 2020, we have been notified of the following job losses. Since January 31, 2020, we have been notified of five new job losses for members.*

University of Lethbridge

Four vacant AUPE positions eliminated: maintenance worker III, systems support specialist II, technical specialist I, fine arts technician IIII.

Alberta Innovates

Last year, 48 members at Alberta Innovates received layoff notices. AUPE agreed at the employer's request to extend the notice period so that the members wouldn't be getting layoff notices just prior to Christmas; their final day worked will be Jan. 23.

University of Calgary

In early November, the Board announced they were cutting 250 positions (150 FTEs, of which 100 are expected to be AUPE members).

One temporary term position in Finance/Research Accounting.

Last week: Forty-four Permanent FTE reductions.

Government of Alberta

Employer informed AUPE that 2,500 bargaining unit positions will be eliminated between April, 2020 and April, 2023.

***This week:** Termination of two temporary term positions in Cochrane Environment & Parks.

Alberta Health Services

Employer informed AUPE that they intend to cut 2,000 to 3,000 GSS FTEs between April, 2020 and April, 2023 and up to 400 Nursing Care FTEs beginning April 1, 2020.

Reduction of 4 Permanent FTEs in the Food Production Centre (054/009)

Bow Valley College

Reduction of three permanent FTEs in Learner Success Services.

Alberta Treasury Board

***This week:** Reduction of five permanent FTEs in Calgary.

WAGE ROLLBACKS

Bargaining tables where the employer is or will consider tabling wage rollbacks of -2%:

Government of Alberta
University of Lethbridge
Athabasca University
Alberta Health Services/Nursing Care
Alberta Health Services/General Support Staff
Alberta University of the Arts
Lethbridge College
Carewest Nursing Care
Carewest General Support Staff
Alberta Pension Services Corporation (APS)
Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (NAIT)
Medicine Hat College
Covenant Health – St. Therese Villa
Canterbury Foundation
SAIT
AGLC
Bow Valley College

EVENT ROUNDUP

Rallies and events you don't want to miss! (February 7 – February 14)

Allies' Events

UNA has planned rallies and walks across the province for Thursday, Feb. 13. [Visit the page](#) to see what's happening in your city or town.

CHECK OUT

Fill out AUPE's [working short survey](#).

[Report rumours or signs of privatization on your worksite.](#)

Nominations for this year's Dove Award open until Feb. 12

Nominations for the Rolyn Sumlak award open until March 1

[GoA bargaining begins with the employer seeking rollbacks including pay cuts](#)