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It's my pleasure to introduce you to the other elected members of your Negotiating Team: Donna Stokowski, Pierre Blanchette, and James Rockey.

Donna Stokowski has been a member of Civic Service Union 52 for several years. Donna serves as a Shop Steward and has worked on a number of committees including the Strike Committee in 2005 which mobilized the membership and led to an agreeable resolution with the Employer. Donna is employed with the Corporate Services Department and works in the City Clerk's office.

Pierre Blanchette has served on a number of Civic Service Union 52 Committees as well as the Union Executive Board. He is serving his fourth consecutive term on the Negotiation Committee. Pierre works with the Planning and Development Department in the Assessment and Taxation Branch.

James Rockey has been an active union member since the early 1980's and has served on numerous Civic Service Union 52 Committees. He presently holds the Second Vice President's position on the Executive Board. This is James' first time serving on the Negotiation Committee. James works with the Transportation Department, Transportation Planning Branch

To re-introduce myself, my name is Therese Doucet. This is my second term as your City of Edmonton Bargaining Representative representing the members both on the Negotiation Committee and at the Executive Board. This is my third term on the Negotiation Committee. I am employed with the Community Services Department as a Social Worker, working with incidents of domestic violence.

As you know, our present collective agreement is expiring as of December 18, 2010 and is due for re-negotiation. The Committee has met and is currently preparing for the upcoming contract negotiations. We are presently working on the questions for the survey as we need your feedback in regards to your priorities for our next round of contract negotiations.

We have also met with Tamara Chivers, CSU 52's Legal Counsel/Chief Negotiator to discuss research and background information required to make our points during Negotiations.

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Together our team is committed to this membership and will work relentlessly to achieve a fair and equitable Collective Agreement.

Anyone who does not have a membership card either because it has been lost or perhaps you have never requested it before, please contact the union office at 780-448-8900 and the office will mail you a membership card free of charge. This card is an indispensable tool in allowing your voice to be heard and is needed to vote on adopting or declining the next Collective Agreement.

I also urge you to complete our survey, which we will distribute online this fall. Without your input, it will be difficult to adequately represent your interests.

I thank you for your interest and encourage you to attend our Union's General Meeting held at the Norwood Legion (82 Street and 112 Avenue) the first Tuesday of every month.

In Solidarity,

Therese Doucet
City of Edmonton Bargaining Representative for Civic Service Union 52