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Edmonton City workers ratify contract

EDMONTON - The 2,000 'outside' employees of the City of Edmonton have ratified a contract that will give them wage increases of 12% over three years.

The employees, members of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 30, voted 64% in favour of the deal. An earlier vote was against the settlement.

CUPE 30 President Dennis Mol said he was glad to have the deal settled.

"This is a good settlement, one of our best in recent years," said Mol.

"But the high cost of living in Edmonton is putting pressure on our members - and they need their wages to increase accordingly."

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