

**January 19, 2010**

*Notice of Layoffs*

Local 348 received Notice of Layoff affecting 2 members resulting from changes to news programming. The affected members received notice today met with Business Manager Mike Semeniuk to review the documents and severance provisions.

Unlike the layoffs in Creative Services in 2009, provisions of the collective agreement where severance packages could be offered to senior members wishing to leave could not be put into effect. Therefore , the most junior members in the affected classifications were laid off.

Decisions of the CRTC which reduced local programming hours had a direct and detrimental effect on local news programs across Canada resulting in workforce reductions as the employer moved to new minimums thereby reducing employees.