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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Brighton Municipal Employees Vote to Join CUPE**

**Brighton, ON** - Employees of the Municipality of Brighton voted today to join the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) during an Ontario Labour Relations Board supervised vote. The final vote tally was 18 in favour of union representation and 11 opposed.

Mayor Mark Walas stated "While we are disappointed, we respect the decision of our staff and look forward to quickly developing a good working relationship with CUPE and staff to move forward in the best interests of our municipality".

"As a result of the certification vote, the Municipality expects to enter into negotiations with the CUPE to reach a collective agreement with the affected employees. A schedule for the bargaining has not yet been set." commented CAO Gayle Frost.