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## **Meeting with Minister MacLellan requested on possible Winter Works Dispatch closures**

The Nova Scotia Highway Workers' Union, CUPE Local 1867, has requested a meeting with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (DTIR) to find out more about possible department plans to discontinue several winter works dispatch operations.

At a meeting on October 28, Local 1867 learned of DTIR plans to downsize through attrition, from 30 winter works dispatch bases to 14. The number of CUPE positions that could be affected by such a move is as many as 48.

Local 1867 was also informed that in addition to the loss of these CUPE positions, DTIR would be creating a new central dispatch operation, and that 10 FTEs and three (3) PT casual positions would be awarded to the NSGEU.

The reason for the meeting is to ensure the minister is aware that Local 1867 has serious issues with the awarding of this work to another union without any prior consultation with CUPE.

This plan would have a significant impact on CUPE through the loss of jobs at 16 dispatch bases and the transferring of jobs to another union.

Your Executive and CUPE National Staff will keep you informed as developments unfold.