

## **The Right to Retire at 60 with Full Pension**

This February and March, paramedics from across the province are being asked to attend special member meetings to learn about, and lobby for, the right to retire at age 60 with full pension

Last fall, the Sponsors Corporation of OMERS took an ill-advised vote against proposed changes to the OMERS pension plan to allow paramedics the same pension rights as police and firefighters. Had the vote passed, these changes would simply allow union locals representing paramedics to have the right to negotiate a normal retirement age of 60 (NRA 60) with full pension.

This inequity must be addressed. CUPE Ontario and its Ambulance Workers Committee have been working with CAW, OPSEU and SEIU to develop a province-wide campaign to win this right for paramedics. The joint area meetings with locals of all four unions are designed to provide the information and the campaign materials for paramedic members to lobby their local municipal councils.

The campaign objective is to put pressure on Sponsors Corporation members, including the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), *by garnering the support of local municipalities*. We anticipate that the high respect that the public accords paramedics will be an important factor in winning support.

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