

>> THE PROVINCE AND THE UNION HELPING ONTARIO'S EDUCATION WORKERS HAVE RETURNED TO THE BARGAINING TABLE AHEAD OF SCHEDULE AS A STRIKE DEADLINE LOOMS.

>> GOOD EVENING.

THE RESUMED NEGOTIATIONS COME AFTER CUPE PROVIDED FIVE DAYS STRIKE NOTICE TO THE PROVINCE THIS MORNING.

THE UNION NOW SAYS THERE WILL BE A FULL STRIKE BEGINNING FRIDAY IF A DEAL CANNOT BE REACHED. SHAWN MORRIS HAS BEEN FOLLOWING THE STORY AND JOINS US WITH THE LATEST, SHA VON?

>> I'M OUTSIDE THE SHERATON CENTRE WHERE THE PARTIES HAVE BEEN MEETING SINCE 3:30, A MEETING AIMED AT GETTING A NEGOTIATED DEAL TO PREVENT A STRIKE THAT COULD CLOSE SCHOOLS ACROSS ONTARIO.

A LAST-MINUTE SESSION WITH CUPE, THE GOVERNMENT, SCHOOL BOARDS AND A MEDIATOR WAS CALLED BY THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

THE INVITE HOURS AFTER EDUCATION SUPPORT WORKERS SIGNALLED THEY'RE READY TO WALK OFF THE JOB.

>> IT WAS THROUGH THE WORKERS THAT IT WAS DECIDED THAT, YOU KNOW WHAT?

WE'RE GOING TO PUT THE PRESSURE ON.

IF WE CAPTAIN SEE SOMETHING BY THE FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD THEN WE GO OUT ON STRIKE.

>> Reporter: A POTENTIAL STRIKE BY EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS, EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANTS AND CUSTODIANS REPRESENTED BY CUPE COULD START FRIDAY.

>> KIDS HAVE GONE THROUGH OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, THE LAST THING WE NEED IS MORE THINGS THAT ARE GOING TO CURB THEIR LEARNING AND STOP THEM FROM JUST HAVING NORMAL REGULAR LIVES, LIKE THEY DESERVE.

>> Reporter: SOME SCHOOL
BOARDS INCLUDING TORONTO
CATHOLIC, SAY THEY CAN'T OPEN
SCHOOLS IN THE EVENT OF A
STRIKE.

LAURA WALTON EMPATHIZES A
PARENTS, BUT...

>> JUST HAVING YOUR KID AT
SCHOOL DOES NOT MEAN THEY'RE
GETTING THE SERVICES OR
EDUCATION THEY NEED.

>> CONVERSATIONS ABOUT AN ONLINE
LEARNING OPTION ARE STILL TO
COME.

>> THAT CONCERNS ME BECAUSE I'LL
HAVE TO ARRANGE CHILD CARE FOR
MY CHILD.

HOWEVER, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT
FOR THEM TO GET PAID WHAT IT IS
DESERVED.

>> Reporter: IT'S NOT AN
UNCOMMON REFRAIN AMONG PARENTS
WHO SAY YES, THEY WANT THEIR
KIDS IN MLAs.

>> I WANT AN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM
THAT IS SUSTAINABLE, AND
ADEQUATELY RESOURCED.

>> Reporter: IN A FIVE-DAY
COUNTDOWN THE PLAYERS APPEAR
IMMOVABLE ON WAGES WITH CUPE
ASKING ROUGHLY 12% ANNUAL
INCREASES VERSUS THE
GOVERNMENT'S 2.

>> THE NUMBERS REMAIN UPPING
CHANGED FOR NOW.

-- UNCHANGED FOR NOW.

WE NEED TO SEE THE GOVERNMENT
NEEDS TO MAKE A MOVE TO COME IN
THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

I DON'T THINK ANYONE BELIEVES
THAT 33 CENTS AN HOUR IS
ADEQUATE FOR SOMEBODY WHO IS IN
THE MIDST OF POVERTY.

>> EDUCATION MINISTER STEPHEN
LETCHER WRITES THE GOVERNMENT IS
AT THE STABLE WITH WHAT IT FEELS
IS A FAIR DEAL WITH A PAY RAISE
AND GENEROUS BENEFITS.

HE MOVES IF CUPE MOVES AHEAD
WITH STRIKE ACTION AND
DISRUPTION WE WILL ACT TO KEEP
STUDENTS IN CLASS TO THEY CAN
CONTINUE TO CATCH UP.

>> CUPE, GOVERNMENT

REPRESENTATIVES AND MEDIATOR
HAVE BEEN MEETING SINCE ABOUT 3:
3:30 AT THE SHERATON.

WE HAVE HAD NO STATUS UPDATE.
ALL THE PARTIES WERE SUPPOSED TO
BE BACK AT THE MEDIATION TABLE
TUESDAY.

IT'S NOT CLEAR IF AN EXTRA
SESSION WILL BE ADDED TOMORROW,
AND AGAIN, WE HAD MORE SESSIONS
PLANNED FOR MEDIATION, FURTHER
INTO THE WEEK.

STILL A CHANCE OF GETTING A
NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT SOMETHING
EVERYBODY SAYS THEY WANT.

>> THANKS, SIOBHAN SYSTEM;
INDEPENDENCE TILL TO COME,
PREPARING FOR HALLOWEEN.

WE'LL HAVE MORE ON THE RETURN OF
TRICK OR TREATING A LITTLE LATER
IN THE SHOW.

>> AND POLICE HAVE IDENTIFIED
THE VICTIM OF A SHOOTING FRIDAY.
27-YEAR-OLD ASADULA NANOANY WAS
SHOT EAST OF DONLANDS AVENUE
FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR THREE
MALE SUSPECTS, LAST SEEN LEAVING
THE AREA, IN A GREY S.U.V.

POLICE HAVE NOT INDICATED A
POTENTIAL MOTIVE FOR THE
SHOOTING, AND THEY'RE ASKING
ANYONE WITH INFORMATION TO COME
FORWARD.

>> A TEEN BOY IS IN HOSPITAL
FOLLOWING A STABBING NEAR
LANSDOWNE AND DUNDAS STREET
WEST.

POLICE WERE CALLED JUST AFTER
11 P.M. LAST NIGHT.

THEY FIRST DOWN THE VICTIM
SUFFERING FROM MULTIPLE STAB
WOUNDS.

HE WAS RUSHED TO HOSPITAL WITH
SERIOUS BUT NON-LIFE THREATENING
INJURIES.

POLICE SAY TWO SUSPECTS WERE
SEEN RUNNING FROM THE SCENE
TOWARDS QUEEN STREET.

THEY WERE ASKING ANYONE WITH
INFORMATION TO CONTACT THEM.

>> TWO PEOPLE HAVE BEEN
SERIOUSLY INJURED IN A
MULTI-VEHICLE CRASH IN

WATERDOWN.

O.P.P. SAY A TRANSPORT TRUCK AND TWO OTHER VEHICLES WERE INVOLVED IN THE COLLISION ON HIGHWAY 6 AROUND 8:30 THIS MORNING.

THE CAUSE OF THE CRASH REMAINS UNDER INVESTIGATION BUT HAMILTON PARAMEDICS SAY FOG MAY HAVE BEEN A FACTOR.

>> POLICE HAVE RELEASED SECURITY CAMERA FOOTAGE OF A SUSPECT WANTED-INCOME A SEXUAL ASSAULT.

POLICE SAY A MAN PICTURED IN THIS VIDEO IS BELIEVED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR A SEXUAL ASSAULT ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26.

POLICE SAY A WOMAN WAS SEXUALLY ASSAULTED IN THE AREA OF PHARMACY AVENUE AND CORINTH YAN BOULEVARD AROUND 7:30 P.M.

THEY'RE ASKING ANYONE WITH INFORMATION ABOUT THE INCIDENT TO COME FORWARD.

>>> WELL, HEALTH EXPERTS ARE RAISING KINS ABOUT RISING RATES OF RESPIRATORY VIRUSES INCLUDING BOTH COVID-19 AND THE FLU.

THEY SAY VACCINATION REMAINS THE BEST WAY FOR PEOPLE TO PROTECT THEMSELVES, AND THEY'RE URGING PEOPLE TO STAY UP TO DATE WITH THEIR SHOTS.

CTV'S ANDREW BRENNAN VISITED A POP-UP VACCINE CLINIC TODAY. HE JOINS US LIVE WITH MORE.

>> THIS PARTICULAR POP-UP WAS LOOKING TO ATTRACT ANYBODY, NO MATTER WHAT BARRIERS COULD BE IN THE WAY OF TRYING TO GET THE NEXT JAB OR A FIRST JAB.

THAT'S WHY IT WAS AT A VERY SPECIFIC AND UNIQUE LOCATION.

>> ON THE WAY TO GO BY HALLOWEEN CANDY, J.J. DECIDED TO NIP INTO FILMORE'S GENTLEMAN'S CLUB TO GET HER BIVALENT COVID BOOSTER

>> JUST WALKING BY, SAVES ME TIME MAKING AN APPOINTMENT, IN AND OUT IN 15 MINUTES.

>> Reporter: NO I.D. IS

REQUIRED NOR OHIP.

THERE IS NO REGISTRATION NEEDED, EITHER.

GENNY DID YOU TELL THINK WITH

TORONTO'S SEX WORKERS ACTION PROJECT SAYS IT WANTED TO REMOVE BARRIERS THAT WOULD HINDER ACCESS.

>> THEY'RE OVERLOOKED IN TERMS OF ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE AND RESOURCES SO WE WANT TO BE IN A POSITION WHERE WE'RE ENCOURAGING NONE OF ANYONE THAT NEEDS IT TO COME IN.

>> Reporter: MANY CAME IN ALREADY UP TO DATE ON COVID VACCINES, BUT COULD GET THEIR FLU SHOT.

>> I'M ALWAYS ALL THE TIME.

>> I NEVER GET SICK.

AND NOW THAT I'M GETTING OLDER I MIGHT AS WELL GET IT, TO PROTECT MYSELF.

I GOT ALL FOUR COVID SHOTS.

>> Reporter: ON THE PARTS HAS YET TO ENTER PEAK FLU SEASON BUT REPORTED CASES HAVE DOUBLED IN A WEEK.

COVID HOSPITALIZATIONS ARE AT THE HIGHEST THEY'VE BEEN SINCE FEBRUARY, IT OVER 100 PEOPLE WERE REPORTED TO HAVE DIED FROM THE DISEASE IN THE LAST PROVINCIAL WEEKLY UPDATE.

>> WE HAVE NO CLUE IN THIS COUNTRY FOR TWO YEARS BECAUSE -- FLU IN THE COUNTRY FOR TWO YEARS BECAUSE OF MASKS.

>> Reporter: PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS HAVE SAID THERE IS NO PLAN TO BRING BACK MASK MANDATES, EMERGENCY ROOM CARDIOLOGISTS AND EPIDEMIOLOGIST Dr. CHRIS LABS SAYS THE BENEFITS OF WEARING ONE OUTWEIGH THE INCONVENIENCE.

>> DO WE WANT TO CONTROL COVID OR DO WE WANT TO DO NOTHING? IF WE DO NOTHING THAT'S GOING TO LEAD TO EMERGENCY ROOMS BECOMING OVERWHELMED BECAUSE MORE AND MORE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GET SICK AND SHOW UP IN HOSPITAL.

>> Reporter: WHILE NEW SUBVARIANTS ARE TAKING HOLD IN ONTARIO, AND AS HEALTH EXPERTS ANTICIPATE A TOUGH WINTER AHEAD, DUFFEY SAYS THEY AREN'T SEEING

ENOUGH OUTREACH TO PEOPLE
ALREADY MARGINALIZED AND AT
RISK.

>> IT'S NOT COMING FROM THE
CITY, IT'S NOT COMING FROM THE
PROVINCE OR THE GOVERNMENT AT
ALL.

THE REALITY OF LIVING IN TORONTO
IS THAT IF GRASS ROOTS DON'T DO
IT, NO ONE'S GOING TO DO IT.

>> (Reporter): TO PROTECT
THEIR COMMUNITY.

>> TORONTO PUBLIC HEALTH DOES
SAY WHEN IT'S HAVING POP-UP
CLINICS OPENING UP AND USUALLY
GIVES A LIST THE DAY BEFORE, AS
FOR THE FLU SHOT IT WILL BE
AVAILABLE IN DOCTOR'S OFFICES
AND AT PHARMACIES AS OF TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 1.

REPORTING LIVE I'M ANDREW
BRENNAN.

PAULINE, WE'LL SENDS IT BACK TO
YOU INSIDE.

>> THANKS, ANDREW.

>>> FOLLOWING A PANDEMIC HIATUS,
KIDS WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE
IN MORE TRADITIONAL HALLOWEEN
TOMORROW NIGHT.

CTV'S JOHN MUSSELMAN WAS WHO ARE
ON HOW PEOPLE HAVE BEEN
PREPARING FOR THE RETURN OF THE
SNEAKY SEASON.

>> FOR THE FIRST TIME IN TWO
YEARS LIQUIDS IN ONTARIO WILL
ENJOY A MORE TYPICAL HALLOWEEN.
THE PHRASE "TRICK OR TREAT" WILL
BE HEARD AT THE FRONTS DOOR,
SOMETHING DISCOURAGED LAST YEAR
BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC.
THE EXCITEMENT IS BUILDING FOR
KIDS AND PARENTS.

>> IT'S A MONSTER FROM A MOVIE
CALLED "SCREAM.

HE WEARS A BLACK COAT AND A MASK
THAT IS ALL WHITE.

>> HOW EXCITED ARE YOU TO BE
ABLE TO TRICK OR TREAT AGAIN.

>> REALLY EXCITED.

>> I'M GOING TO BE A STORM
TROOPER FOR HALLOWEEN.

>> LAST SEPTEMBER THEY BOUGHT
ALREADY THEIR HALLOWEEN COSTUMES
AND THEY'RE READY FOR HALLOWEEN

THIS MONDAY.

>> MEANWHILE, COSTUME SELLERS SAY THE SITUATION IS SUSPECT IMPROVED, CONSIDERING WHAT THEY'VE BEEN THROUGH.

VICKIE SUR JOHN OWNS TICKLE TRUMPING COSTUMES IN MISSISSAUGA.

SHE SAYS PEOPLE ARE SPENDING, JUST NOT AS MUCH AS THEY DID BEFORE COVID.

>> A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING TO DRESS UP, THEY'RE ALL DOING BITS AND PIECES AND YOU CAN TELL THE ME IS IN A BIT OF TROUBLE WHERE PEOPLE NORMALLY WOULD COME IN, WE MANUFACTURE THIS STUFF SO WE SPECIALIZE IN THINGS THAT ARE UNIQUE, THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FIND ANYWHERE ELSE, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GO TO THE PARTY AND SEE SEVEN OTHER GUYS IN THE SAME COSTUME.

>> IT'S JUST A GATHERING, EVERYBODY GETS TOGETHER, WE HAVE FUN, EVERYBODY DRESSES UP, UNIQUE, DIFFERENT, RIGHT?

>> AND A REPEATS SURVEY ON HALLOWEEN SPENDING FOUND PEOPLE WILL BE SPENDING SLIGHTLY LESS THIS YEAR, JUST UNDER \$88 IN 2022, DOWN FROM \$97 BEFORE THE PANDEMIC.

AND IF HALLOWEEN HEARTS ARE NOT YOUR THING THERE ARE LOTS OF ACTIVITIES ACROSS THE G.T.A. THIS WEEKEND THAT INCLUDE HALLOWEEN HARVEST AT THE BRADLEY MUSEUM IN MISSISSAUGA.

>> IT IS A FAMILY EVENTS WITH CRAFTS AND GAMES, AND A FALL FOOD SAMPLES, WE ALSO HAVE