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### **Niagara Parks and its Servers Union Reach 3-Year Contract Agreement**

(Niagara Falls, Ontario) The Niagara Parks Commission (NPC) and UNITE HERE Local 2347 are pleased to announce a new three-year contract agreement has been reached and ratified by both parties. The agreement covers the UNITE HERE members who work as servers at NPC.

The new accord, which was approved by the servers on April 7, 2008 and The Niagara Parks Commission on April 18, 2008, contains improved working conditions and wage increases for Park servers, as well as provides operational efficiencies for the Commission, which are important issues to both sides given the challenging times the tourism industry is facing.

According to NPC General Manager John Kernahan, the Commission was pleased to endorse this contract settlement. "With the tourism season fast approaching and plans for our revitalized Table Rock right on track, it was important that a deal be reached that both parties could support. This contract recognizes the value of our servers, while also taking into account the challenges the tourism industry has faced. We believe this deal is a win for both sides." UNITE HERE Local 2347 President Sandra Rebrovich commented, "we are excited about the upcoming season and helping to provide the quality service our visitors expect when they visit Niagara Parks' restaurants. As this agreement shows, our union looks forward to a continued positive relationship with NPC. As the co-chair of the negotiating team and an employee of NPC, I want to thank everyone involved, including our lead negotiator, Jody Hutton, and particularly those NPC employees who served on our bargaining team, for all their hard work and efforts."

The new agreement will be in effect from January 1, 2008, to December 31, 2010.

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