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**The Elizabeth Centre has renewed their Collective Agreement
with Mine Mill 598/CAW**

After a meeting and ratification vote on Monday, October 17th, 2011, the members at The Elizabeth Centre ratified the new contract with 78% acceptance by the membership. The contract expired on December 31st, 2010.

There were no concessions and some gains in the new contract include a wage increase of 3 ½% over a two year period, along with contract language improvements.

This is Mine Mill Local 598/CAW's 15th consecutive collective agreement reached successfully in the last 2 years.

Mine Mill Local 598/CAW is currently also in negotiations with the Finlandia Nursing Home, St. Joseph's Villa and St. Gabriel's Villa.

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