

2018 Forestry Industry Bargaining

USW LOCAL 1-417 UPDATE

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IFLRA TAKES AN UNREALISTIC APPROACH TO BARGAINING DEMANDING A LENGTHY LIST OF CONCESSIONS

Your Provincial Bargaining Committee reconvened with the IFLRA Wednesday, October 10 through Friday, October 12. Clearly not taking bargaining seriously, the IFLRA opened negotiations by refusing to have any discussion on eight of the USW proposals. The IFLRA was completely unprepared, spending the majority of the three days requiring the USW to yet again explain our proposals, caucusing, and focusing on their concessionary agenda.

It was extremely disappointing that the South Employer Association not only sought the concessions tabled in the North, but added significant additional concessions. Clearly it is time to demonstrate to our employers that we are serious about getting a fair agreement.

USW Local's 1-405, 1-417 & 1-423 Schedule Strike Votes

Clearly seeking to motivate the IFLRA, your provincial Bargaining Committee has determined southern employers need to receive a message from the Rank and File USW membership.

Each Local Union will be scheduling information meetings and conducting strike votes at the affected operations over the next couple of weeks.

IFLRA Bargaining to Resume on Tuesday, October 16th

While the Southern Locals seek a strike mandate from the rank and file, negotiations will continue with the IFLRA on Tuesday, October 16. Dates were scheduled starting Monday, October 15 but the IFLRA was unprepared to proceed.

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