

2018 Forestry Industry Bargaining

USW LOCAL 1-417 UPDATE

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Northern BC USW Members Provide Bargaining Committee with a 93% Strike Mandate

United Steelworkers Local 1-2017 has completed their strike vote for operations affiliated with the Council of Northern Interior Forest Industry Relations (CONIFER). This includes operations in Houston, Burns Lake, Fort St. James, Prince George, Mackenzie, Fort St. John, Quesnel and Williams Lake. Brian O'Rourke, Local 1-2017 President, has reported out of 1629 votes, 1509 members voted in favour of a strike. This represents a 93% overall strike mandate.

Your USW Bargaining Committee will be meeting within the next week. We will also be discussing dates with the Employer Association to return to the bargaining table for meaningful negotiations. The membership has given a clear message - they want a fair negotiated agreement and they have given the bargaining committee the mandate to achieve this.

USW Awaits Labour Board Order to Force IFLRA to the Bargaining Table

Your Bargaining Committee has continued to reach out to the IFLRA in an attempt to engage them in good faith bargaining. Despite IFLRA assertions to the Labour Board, that they are ready and willing to bargain, the IFLRA continues to reject USW proposed dates. Regardless of IFLRA avoidance tactics, a BCLRB ruling ordering the IFLRA to commence good faith bargaining is forthcoming!

We would like to thank all of our members for your continued unwavering support

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