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To: All Local 1 (Viterra Country Operations) and Local 2 (Viterra Head Office) members

Hello,

This email will be the first of many emails sent to Local 1 and Local 2 members with information and updates on the process of collective bargaining. This includes information leading up to negotiations, updates after each round of negotiations up to ratification and implementation of your new collective agreement. This will all take time but your bargaining committee is committed to keeping all members as informed as possible.

Gathering Input for Bargaining Proposals

We know that this may seem a bit early to begin discussing bargaining but we know there is a lot to do. We have heard from a lot of Local 1 & 2 members about issues, concerns and what they value these past few years. And with the recent bargaining survey which just closed, we received survey responses from over 35% of the membership. But we still want to hear from more of you.

So your staff representatives will be stopping at all Viterra locations in August. This will be another opportunity to let your bargaining committee know what your priorities are.

As well we will be scheduling a number of evening ZOOM meetings open to all Local 1 & 2 members to attend and share their thoughts.

If you or your Sub-Local have another way that you want to arrange to share your ideas please reach out to your staff representative and they will be happy to work with you to make sure members' ideas are heard.

Schedule

- August 8 to 31 - GSU staff representatives will be visiting Viterra locations to talk about bargaining priorities and proposals.
- August 17 - ZOOM meeting at 7:30 PM open to all members to talk about bargaining priorities and proposals.
- August 18 - ZOOM meeting at 7:30 PM open to all members to talk about bargaining priorities and proposals.
- August 23 - ZOOM meeting at 5:30 PM open to all members to talk about bargaining priorities and proposals.

GSU Website

For the duration of bargaining with Viterra, we will maintain all bargaining information and updates on our website, the link is below.

As always if you have any questions reach out to your staff representative or anyone on your bargaining committee. We hope you all take these opportunities to share your thoughts and ideas.

On Behalf of your Bargaining Committee,

Steve Torgerson
GSU staff representative

Your GSU bargaining committee members are Local 1 – Jim Brown (Balgonie), Wilfred Harris (Carnduff), Shannon Antonenko (Lloydminster), David Barrett (Gull Lake) and Travis Brewer (Saskatoon); Local 2 – Sheila Tran, Howard Wilson and Kaylee Kruger; assisted by GSU staff representatives Steve Torgerson and Mason Van Luven.

Local 1 & 2 (Viterra) members will be the first to hear about what is taking place at the bargaining table. Email updates will be issued before the information is released in our *Tuesday Members' Memo*.

Please share these updates with fellow GSU members who may not be on our bargaining update or Tuesday Members' Memo email lists, and encourage them to sign-up for updates by contacting their GSU Staff Representative or by following the link to update their contact information.

More Information



Visit the Local 1 & 2 Bargaining page at gsu.ca. All bargaining updates and material related to negotiations will be kept here.

Bargaining Website

A vital part of entering into negotiations is ensuring that GSU members have had many opportunities for input and that members are kept informed and up to date on all of the collective bargaining.

And so your bargaining committee wants to update the contact information for members. If you or any co-works want to update their contact information so they receive bargaining updates follow the link below.

Update Contact Info.

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