

## **GSU Locals 1 & 2 (Viterra)**



May 26, 2023

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

### **UPDATE #18**

#### **Additional Bargaining Committee Members**

Last night the Local 1 Board of Delegates met and they selected two additional members to join the existing bargaining committee. The plan was to bring a broader perspective and strengthen the bargaining committee and the Board is pleased that members volunteered and are willing to participate.

The two newly selected members of the bargaining committee are;

Dale Lysitza - Customer Account Representative II from Lloydminster  
and  
Broc Goodwin - Maintenance Technician from Moose Jaw

The Board also wishes to thank everyone who volunteered, stepping up to represent members should be recognized. Thank you all for participating and making your Local stronger.

## **Bargaining Dates**

Below are the current bargaining dates and details of what has occurred so far.

**June 14, 2023** - *scheduled*

**May 30, 2023** - *scheduled*

**May 9, 10 and 11, 2023** - *cancelled*

**April 26 & 27, 2023** - *both sides met*

your bargaining committee met with the company to bargain. No major progress was made, and your bargaining committee wants to report to members about negotiations and ask for feedback.

**April 4 & 5, 2023** - *both sides met*

Bargaining has reached a point where we are close to our limit of what you, our members, have told us to fight for. But your committee wants to report to members personally and hear what you all have to say. We will begin to plan and schedule bargaining update meetings that will begin after our next session. Regardless of the outcome of those next dates, we feel that it is time to meet.

**March 7 & 8, 2023** - *both sides met*

The company and your committee each presented offers to bring both sides closer together but still not close enough. We kept up and reinforced that even though the company might not like certain proposals, they all came from you, the members, as a result of frustrations and anger about the current state of affairs.

**January 31 & February 1, 2023** - *both sides met*

The company brought their money and wage offer and presented it to your committee. Your committee worked to review the offer and prepare a counter offer which was presented to the company on the second day. Your committee took a thoughtful approach and their counteroffer still maintained the focus and goal of achieving real gains for members. Including real wage increases and no aggregate pay, better hours or work language, clarity on car loading and understanding of the impact on workers and health and safety.

**December 14 & 15, 2022** - *both sides met*

The company still did not bring any money or wage proposals but advised that they would next time. The company presented additional information about their proposals submitted, and your committee again said they wouldn't bargain with themselves and

was frustrated about the time it has taken as we wait for the company to come to bargaining prepared.

**November 24 & 25, 2022 - both sides met**

The company still didn't bring money or wages to the table. Your committee again said we wouldn't negotiate until the company brings their money. We shared why we are asking for what we proposed because members told us they want and need these changes to the collective agreement.

**November 16 & 17, 2022 - both sides met**

Local 1 & 2 provided their full proposal package. Viterra provided some of their proposals but nothing about money or wages. We said we wouldn't change or withdraw any of our proposals until the company brought their entire package, including money and wages.

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), Travis Brewer (Saskatoon), Broc Goodwin (Moose Jaw) and Dale Lysitza (Lloydminster); Local 2 - Sheila Tran, Howard Wilson and Kaylee Kruger; assisted by GSU staff representatives Steve Torgerson and Mason Van Luven.*

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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 their Local representative.

## More Information



**Q: What can I do if a co-worker is not getting bargaining updates?**

**A.** If someone is not getting the updates via email, we might not

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have their email address. They should email or call their GSU staff rep. or your elected delegate and ask to be added to the email list.

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