GSU Locals 1 & 2 (Viterra)



July 13, 2023

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

UPDATE #23

Bargaining Update

Hello Everyone,

Today, July 13, 2023, your bargaining committee met with Viterra to continue negotiations. This email is to advise that we have reached a tentative agreement with the company.

A tentative agreement means when an agreement between the bargaining parties has been reached at the bargaining table.

Tentative agreements shall be subject to a membership ratification vote to accept of reject it.

We first have to finalize the draft tentative agreement for publication, which we expect to be publishable by mid-next week.

Once completed, the Board of Delegates will convene to assess the tentative agreement, and determine if the tentative offer is sufficient enough to take back to the membership for a ratification vote. With your Local 1 Board of Delegate or Local 2 Executive first to receive the tentative agreement, start communication and dialogue with them before they meet with their peers.

If the Board of Delegates approves the tentative agreement to be released for a ratification vote, the timeline of when your meeting will take place is dependent on the publication of the tentative agreement and then logistics related to scheduling your meeting. Details about voting and information on the tentative agreement will be provided prior to any membership meetings.

It goes without saying that your participation in this process and support for your committee have shown the company that you mean business. This tentative agreement is not the end, and as a union, we proudly invite members to speak their minds and vote with their conscious based on the merit of the tentative agreement.

If the majority of ballots cast accept the tentative agreement negotiations is cease and it will form the basis of your new collective agreement. If the tentative agreement is rejected by the majority then your bargaining committee will return to the bargaining table and fight for a better deal.

If you have any questions please ask your committee or staff representative and stay tuned for more following the Local 1 Board of Delegates and Local 2 Executive Committee meeting next week.

On Behalf of your Bargaining Committee,

Steve Torgerson
GSU General Secretary

Your GSU bargaining committee members are Local 1 - Jim Brown (Balgonie), Wilfred Harris (Carnduff), Shannon Antonenko (Lloydminster), David Barrett (Gull Lake), Dale Lysitza (Lloydminster), Broc Goodwin (Moose Jaw) 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 their Local representative.

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