

GSU Local 1 (Viterra)



July 28, 2023

To: All Local 1 Members (Viterra Country Operations)

LOCAL 1 BARGAINING UPDATE

Good Afternoon Everyone,

As you would have read in our last bargaining update, the bargaining committee decided to reach a tentative agreement with the company as a way to legally release the details of the agreement so the membership could review it and see the progress, or lack thereof, made in negotiations.

Before that could happen, your elected Board of Delegates had to convene and determine if the tentative agreement reached with your employer is sufficient enough to take out to the membership for a ratification vote. Last evening, they convened this meeting, after having to delay due to Viterra's tardiness in providing your union with enough time to ensure the tentative agreement, and its details, were accurate.

The Board of Delegates are members voted in at each of your

annual Fall meetings whose role is to represent your sub-local at the provincial level. During bargaining, this means they convene with other BoD members to review bargaining material prior to its release to the membership.

At that meeting, your Local 1 Board of Delegates reviewed the tentative agreement and overwhelmingly voted to reject it. They said it is not enough and it does not accomplish what members need.

They have heard from you that the economic demands put on your pay cheque are not getting any better and they don't want any more delays. That the 'boy who cried wolf' messaging of the promise that our economy will chill and living standards will improve is starting to fall on deaf ears. Even with the pocket change you do have, you cannot find the time to use it in leisure, and the losses of persistent inflationary pressures have put you back or kept you in debt. The Board of Delegates know you, speak with you, and are members facing the same challenges you are. Find time to engage with your delegate, as they need to speak with you.

With the tentative agreement being rejected by the Board of Delegates, this means the details of this agreement won't be shared with members to be voted on and we are set to return to the bargaining table. This rejection will show the company that what might have been a so-called 'good deal' years ago, is not enough. While they bashfully record record-breaking profits thanks to your labour, you are asking for what you deserve.

Your bargaining committee is looking for your continued support as we rally to return to the table to show the company that you and your fellow members need more. Keep talking to each other, keep sharing your frustrations with the company's delays and weak offers. What you deserve from this company will only be provided if we fight for it.

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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