

## GSU Local 2 (Viterra)



August 4, 2023

To: All Local 2 Members (Viterra Head Office)

### LOCAL 2 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 Executive Committee 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. This afternoon, 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 Executive Committee are members elected at the Local 2*

At that meeting, your Local 2 Executive Committee reviewed the tentative agreement and voted to reject it. They said it is not enough and it does not accomplish what Local 2 members asked for.

They have heard from you that the economic pressures put on your purchasing power are not getting any better and balance of home and work is important. We don't want any more delays, we need a contract that supports us all.

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 Executive Committee know you, speaks with you, and are members facing the same challenges you are. Find time to engage with one of them, as they need to speak with you.

With the tentative agreement being rejected by the Executive Committee, 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 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.

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