



Council 4000 VIA Rail Bargaining Update and Strike Votes

Unifor National Council 4000 wrapped up another week of negotiations with VIA Rail May 16 to 20 in Montreal. Unfortunately, there still remains a couple of items that the parties could not come to terms on, but these will remain on the table as we recommence talks on June 6 in Gatineau, Quebec, where we will bargain right through to the deadline of 23:59 EDT on June 12. Legal strike action may begin at 00:01 hours on June 13 if a deal is not reached. The final 7 days of bargaining will include economic discussions on wages and benefits.

As we enter the final stages of bargaining leading up to the June 13 strike date, Unifor Council 4000 and Local 100 have made arrangements to conduct strike votes across the country. These votes are incredibly important to give the corporation the clear message that our membership is in full support of their union bargaining committees. We encourage full participation at these meetings where a report will be provided to the membership. Results of the strike votes will be released on June 5, 2016.

Below is the Strike Vote schedule for Council 4000 Agreement 1 and 2 membership:

Halifax, Nova Scotia	May 30 and 31	Quebec City, Quebec	May 31
Moncton, New Brunswick	May 26	Toronto, Ontario	June 3
Montreal, Quebec	May 25 MMC, May 27	Vancouver, British Columbia	June 1 to 3
Ottawa, Ontario	May 30	Winnipeg, Manitoba	May 20 to 25

Other stations in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick will be arranged with Regional Representative Jennifer Murray, while other stations in Quebec will be arranged with Regional Representative Mario Laroche. Kingston, London, Windsor and other Ontario stations will be arranged with Regional Representative Andrew Stephen. Thompson, The Pas and Saskatoon stations will be arranged with Regional Representative Dave Kissack, while Edmonton, Jasper, Prince George and Prince Rupert stations will be arranged with Regional Representative Ron Shore.

For more specific details on these meetings, please contact your respective Regional Representative. Visit unifor4000.com to acquire contact information for your respective Regional Representative, as well for current and past stories and information on VIA Bargaining. **#Unifor4000VIANegs**

Ken Cameron has been appointed as the National Strike Coordinator in accordance with the bylaws of Council 4000 and he will have the responsibility of coordinating and working with the strike captains across the country.

In closing, the bargaining committees remain of the view that negotiations will continue to be difficult right through to end of these negotiations. We want to thank the membership for their ongoing support. If you have any questions on the status of negotiations, we strongly urge you to come out to the meeting in your area.

In Solidarity,
Unifor Council 4000 VIA Rail Bargaining Committee

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