
Bargaining Continues in Gatineau with VIA Rail

Unifor members represented by Local 100 and National Council 4000 at VIA Rail have sent the company a strong message with the strike vote of 96 per cent. While our members are frustrated it is important to keep in mind that the agreement is one that will be bargained by the parties, at the table.

We remain steadfast in fighting back the concessions VIA Rail has on the bargaining table, as well as continuing to press the corporation on key union issues related to representation, skilled trades, contracting out, wages, time off, benefit and pension plan improvements and union programs to name a few.

Our current agreement expired on December 31, 2015 and the parties will be in a legal position to initiate a strike or lock out **no earlier than 00:01 hours Monday June 13, 2016, providing 72 hours' notice has been provided.**

It is important to note that neither the union nor the employer has of yet, issued the 72 hours' notice to the other party.

While the committee is still bargaining we would urge the membership, in spite of the built up frustration, to continue with business as usual approach and to remain focused and diligent in their duties and continue to provide the excellent services to the travelling public.

Your bargaining committee will carry the message to VIA Rail that they have an obligation to recognize the incredible work our members provide to the corporation and to our customers every day.

In closing, the master bargaining committee wants to once again, thank our members and leadership for the solid support. It is very important not to listen to rumours at this point in time.

In solidarity

Local 100 and National Council 4000 Bargaining Committees