



VIA RAIL - BARGAINING UPDATE: Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Members

This week, Unifor continues negotiations with VIA Rail over the major concessions tabled against Council 4000 members covered under Agreements 1 and 2. The Union bargained over the weekend in efforts to have the Corporation move off their estoppel notices and then open discussions on the economic proposals of both Council 4000 and Local 100 (Agreement 3).

On advice of the Conciliator, both parties agreed to an extension of the conciliation period for Local 100 up to the end of today, January 20, 2021. The Union has requested an additional extension to allow time for further discussions on the concessionary issues relative to Job Security provisions of Council 4000, but VIA has denied our request.

Both Council 4000 and Local 100 have arranged strike committees across the country in the event collective action is necessary.

We remain committed to negotiating the best possible collective agreement for all our 2,400 members at VIA Rail during these challenging times caused by the COVID pandemic.

We will provide further updates as the information is available.

In solidarity,

Council 4000 and Local 100 Bargaining Committees

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