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October 5, 2023

**TO USW LOCAL 1-1937 FOREST INDUSTRY MEMBERS**

Dear Member,

**Coastal BC Forest Industry Survey & Contract Resolution Process**

On behalf of the Local Union's 2024 Coast Bargaining Committee, I hope that all of our members are doing well as we enter the fall from a long hot summer. Time has passed very quickly it seems, as our five (5) year Collective Agreement for the Coastal BC Forest Industry is due to be renegotiated next year.

With industry negotiations on top of mind for the Local Union, preparations have begun to ensure we determine what our members see as priorities for the bargaining table next year. Those determinations will be finalized on February 22, 2024, when the Local Union holds its Delegated Wage & Contract Conference.

**Member Survey**

**The Local Union will start by polling our members using Survey Monkey.** The Survey will ask members to prioritize bargaining issues they see from the lowest priority to the highest priority. This will give your Bargaining Committee a general guide to what our members would like us to improve upon in their Collective Agreement.

**The Survey will be sent to members on October 12, 2023, via Mass Text and Email. The poll will be closed on October 27, 2023.**

If you have recently changed your cell phone number or email address, please email or call your Local Union office in Duncan, Port Alberni, Courtenay, Port McNeil, or Burnaby. We want to ensure as many members as possible receive the Survey and bargaining updates that will follow.

**Submitting Contract Resolutions**

Once the polling is complete, members in the primary forest industry will have the opportunity to put forward their ideas for collective bargaining by filling out contract resolutions for the Local Union in your Operations or at Area Resolution Meetings. This will be done in one of two ways:

- 1. Putting your idea forward in writing to your operations Plant/Camp Committee (Ask for resolution forms from a Committee representative or Local Union office or download them from our Website at [www.usw1-1937.ca](http://www.usw1-1937.ca) under the Resources tab, then Forms tab, then click on USW Forest Industry Bargaining Resolution Forms; or**

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2. If your operation does not have an active Committee/Steward or it is your preference to attend an area meeting (schedule of meetings below) where resolutions may be submitted in writing or verbally (forms will be supplied at the meetings) both of which must be seconded by someone at the meeting.

### Area Contract Resolution Meetings

Duncan	October 23	7:00 pm	USW Local 1-1937 Union Hall 351 Brae Rd, Duncan, BC
Nanaimo	October 24	7:00 pm	Beban Park Social Centre (Room 2) 2300 Bowen Rd, Nanaimo, BC
Port Alberni	October 25	7:00 pm	USW Local 1-1937 Union Hall 4904 Montrose St, Port Alberni, BC
Powell River	November 8	6:00 pm	Powell River Town Centre Hotel 4660 Joyce Ave, Powell River, BC
Gibsons	November 17	5:00 pm	Cedars Inn Hotel & Convention Center 895 Gibsons Way, Gibsons, BC
Campbell River	November 22	7:00 pm	Campbell River Labour Centre 830 14 Ave, Campbell River, BC
Port McNeill	November 23	7:00 pm	Chilton Arena 2205 Campbell Way, Port McNeill, BC

### Deadline for Contract Resolutions

The deadline for the Local Union to receive resolutions will be **December 4, 2023**.

### Local Union Bargaining Committee

Your Bargaining Committee for 2024 includes Brothers, Brian Butler – President; Richard Arnason - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President; Chris Cinkant - 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President; Jason Cox - Conductor and Nolan Paquette - Business Agent.

We look forward to hearing your feedback and receiving your contract resolutions in the coming months.

**On Behalf of your Bargaining Committee,  
In Solidarity,**



**Brian Butler**  
President  
USW Local 1-1937