



2019 Forest Industry Bargaining

USW LOCAL 1-1937 UPDATE

2019 BARGAINING UPDATE #28 – NOVEMBER 5, 2019

Coast Bargaining Committee - News Release

WFP WITHDRAWS LRB APPLICATION TO CHALLENGE STRIKE VOTE

The Local Union was advised at 4:30 pm on October 31st that WFP was withdrawing its last Labour Relations Board challenge regarding their accusation that the Strike Vote held in June was invalid.

We suspect WFP realized when they filed this application they would not succeed, but used it as a way to pressure the Union and force the Union to spend money to defend itself. After the LRB totally dismissed their last Application, which alleged the Union failed to bargain in good faith, WFP likely wasn't keen to receive another loss over another baseless accusation.

With this withdrawal the only outstanding legal issues are WFP's appeal of the LRB's decision, which upheld the BC Federation of Labours "Hot Declaration" on WFP logs and lumber, and four identical WFP orchestrated lawsuits, filed by TFL 44 LP (a partnership of WFP and the Huu-ay-aht First Nations) and three Woodlands Contractors, claiming damages for a brief illegal strike. As with all other actions brought by WFP during this labour dispute, these claims have little chance of success.



Brian Butler – President, USW Local 1-1937

Phone: (250)746-6131 Fax: 250-746-1012

USW Local 1-1937 Offices: Duncan, Port Alberni, Courtenay, Port McNeill, and Burnaby

Website: www.usw1-1937.ca

|

Facebook: [usw1-1937](https://www.facebook.com/usw1-1937)

BB/jm
usw1-1937