



# 2022 Red Chris Mine Bargaining

## USW LOCAL 1-1937 UPDATE

### BARGAINING UPDATE #15 – July 11, 2022

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

Last week your Bargaining Committee completed the first three days of mediation (July 6,7,8) at the Labour Relations Board (LRB) in Vancouver under Section 55 of the Labour Code.

The LRB appointed mediator David Schaub to assist the parties in resolving the remaining outstanding issues. We previously met with the mediator via video conference under Section 74 mediation and resolved most all non-monetary issues. Last weeks mediation was conducted in person, and it proved to be productive in resolving a total of thirteen issues, the majority of which were monetary.

**Key issues resolved last week include: improvements to health & welfare benefits, improvements to holiday pay, improved tool allowances, increases in trades apprentice wages, funding for employee training in Union roles on site and a process to establish which jobs within the Block Caving project will become bargaining unit jobs.**

Mediation will continue on July 21 & 22, 2022.

**The remaining monetary issues include: retroactive wage increases, the bonus program, increasing the RSP, establishing a night shift premium, increasing the travel payment, covering schooling costs for apprentices, contracting out protection, severance provisions and double time for all overtime.**

The Bargaining Committee would like to thank everyone for having patience with the process. We anticipate finalizing the process by either reaching a tentative agreement with Newcrest or by a binding decision from the mediator, within the next 4 weeks.

If you have any questions, please reach out to **Dusty Palmer** at (250)-710-6768 or by email at [dpalmer@usw1-1937.ca](mailto:dpalmer@usw1-1937.ca).

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In solidarity,

Your Bargaining Committee,

Brian Butler, Dusty Palmer, Richard Arnason, Jeff Bromley, Troy Krauss,  
Donald McNeil, Matt Bergson

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