



## USW LOCAL 1-1937 MEDIA RELEASE

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The United Steelworkers Local 1-1937 (USW) today reports that the eight-and-a-half-month strike against La-kwa sa muqw Forestry LP (LKSM), north of Campbell River, has now ended, following a ratification vote that concluded on February 23, 2026, with 67% of members supporting the new collective agreement terms.

The strike, which started on June 6, 2025, over LKSM's insistence that the Union's long-standing Union Shop language be eliminated, allowing for new non-union contractors to conduct work currently performed by USW members, among other issues.

The Union made the following statements on its members reaching a new six (6) year agreement:

*"Our members did what they set out to do: to protect USW work from being eroded by non-union employers. They also achieved the coast forest industry pattern agreement that was set between USW Local 1-1937 and Western Forest Products Inc. in January of 2025. We are awed by their strength and proud of their achievement,"* stated **Brian Butler, President of USW Local 1-1937.**

*"Our Union is grateful for the USW Local 1-1937 membership, as well as for the members of other USW Local Unions across Canada; they assisted the striking members from the start of the strike. To them, we would say, you not only helped your fellow members survive the financial challenges of a long strike, but you demonstrated the solidarity needed to protect Union rights during this long struggle. Thank you,"* stated **Jason Cox, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President USW Local 1-1937.**

The collective agreement includes 19% and 22% (production and trades) wage increases over the term of the agreement, as well as an extensive list of other monetary and non-monetary improvements (including Union Security matters) in line with the rest of the coastal forest industry.

The Union would also like to express our thanks and gratitude for other Unions, Businesses and the many individuals who showed their support, in so many ways, to our striking members. Thank you all.