

ACT NOW TO SAVE USW 1-1937 JOBS

Dear Brothers and Sisters;

It has come to our attention that anti-forestry sentiment is growing on Nanaimo City Council. Please see the ACTIONS we all need to take, at the end of this email.

OUR JOBS PUT AT RISK:

- On Monday, March 29 the Nanaimo City Council must vote to REJECT a damaging Motion that would put our USW 1-1937 jobs at risk.
- The motion is from Councillor Ben Geselbrecht and calls for "Immediate Protection of All At-Risk Old Growth Forest in BC."
- The motion contains controversial claims and is riddled with bias.
- **This motion would eliminate countless family-supporting forestry and manufacturing jobs** in coastal BC if enacted by the government, and it **offers no solutions** for what Nanaimo's workforce should do instead.

All USW 1-1937 members and their families need to speak out against this.

WHAT TO DO:

- Email mayor.council@nanaimo.ca
- Let them know that USW 1-1937 members would be happy to meet with Council to discuss this motion.
- If you live in Nanaimo, say so.
- See the [talking points below](#), use them in your reply if you want.
- Also, email or phone your mayor and councillors *individually* to let them know how you feel. [Follow this link for their contact info.](#)

Talking Points:

- As a forest industry worker (or family member) I do not want to lose my job and transition to different work. I want my family-supporting job, benefits and pension and my collective agreement rights.
- Forest workers are being illegally stopped from legal sustainable harvesting work in Fairy Creek. Nanaimo City Council has no place in keeping these workers laid off.
- This is a divisive, negative motion. Those in favour of forestry are not against protecting the environment.
- The "Immediate Protection of All At-Risk Old Growth Forest in BC" Motion is not a reflection of what Nanaimo residents want.
- The Motion contains questionable claims.
- On a matter of this importance, if the City of Nanaimo is to take a position, it should be one based on facts and community consultation.
- Forestry is still an important economic contributor to Nanaimo.
- Recent economic studies finding that on Vancouver Island, \$1.2 billion worth of goods and services were purchased from 1,600 suppliers, of which more than 420 were located in Nanaimo.
- The BC NDP is working on old-growth changes that are coming which will lead to long-term sustainability for our forest jobs.
- While the provincial government has promised to consult with unions, industry, First Nations and local government on how to do this, this motion wrongly calls for those valid interests to be completely bypassed.

Send your letter or email today!

MAKE YOUR VOICE COUNT!



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