

BC INTERIOR

USW WOOD COUNCIL 2023

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USW Provincial Negotiating Committee to open Bargaining 2023

Following the provincial wage and contract conference held March 15 in Kelowna where members from around the province submitted, debated and passed proposals that formed the bargaining agenda, USW Locals 1-2017 (Prince George), 1-417 (Kamloops), 1-423 (Kelowna) and 1-405 (Cranbrook) will open negotiations to renew the Conifer (North) and SIMA (South) agreements over the next three weeks. Both Conifer and the IFLRA, as well as the independents, cover approximately 5200 members in the interior of BC.

On **Tuesday, May 16** in Prince George the USW will meet to exchange proposals with Conifer.

On **Monday, May 29** in Kelowna the USW will meet to exchange proposals with the IFLRA.

Conifer companies: Canfor PG Sawmill; Ft. St. John; Houston; West Fraser—Williams Lake Planer; Hampton Affiliates Babine and Ft. St. James; Conifex Mackenzie; Dunkley Lumber; Lakeland Mills; Tolko Soda Creek; Lakeview;

IFLRA companies: Canfor Radium; Elko; Woodlands; Interfor Castlegar; Grand Forks; Pacific WoodTech Golden; Atco Wood Products; Stella Jones; Galloway Lumber; Aspen Ind; Aspen Planer—Merritt; Canoe FP—Salmon Arm; Tolko—Heffley Creek; Tolko Armstrong Lumber; Tolko Armstrong Plywood; Tolko White Valley Lumby; Weyerhaeuser-Princeton.

Independent operations in Local 1-2017: West Fraser—Quesnel Plywood; West Fraser Williams Lake Plywood; West Fraser—Fraser Lake; West Fraser 100-Mile Lumber; Canfor Chetwynd; Polar and Plateau operations are all in the process of scheduling proposal exchange dates over the coming weeks.

At the bargaining table for the USW: Brian O'Rourke—1-2017; Marty Gibbons—1-417; Pat McGregor—1-423; Grant Farquhar—1-405; Jeff Bromley—Wood Council Chair. The USW Coast Locals—1-1937 and 2009—collective agreements expire in 2024. Both will support the BC Interior locals in pursuit of a new, improved collective agreement for our members.

We would like to thank all of our members for your continued support.

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