

2023 Forest Industry Bargaining

USW LOCAL 1-417 UPDATE

Update #2 – June 6, 2023

USW Provincial Negotiating Committee completes exchange of proposals with BC Interior Employers

The USW Provincial Negotiation Committee has completed full and complete exchange of proposals with the various industry representatives in BC North and Southern Interior industry.

On May 16, 2023, in Prince George, exchange was completed with Conifer—the northern association representative for several operations within USW Local 1-2017 (Prince George/BC North).

Conifer operations: 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.

On May 29, in Kelowna, exchange was completed with the IFLRA (Interior Forest Labour Relations Association) for the operations in USW Locals 1-423 (Okanagan/Boundary); 1-417 (Kamloops/Thompson) and 1-405 (Cranbrook/Kootenays).

IFLRA operations: 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; Tolko Woodlands; Weyerhaeuser-Princeton.

Finally, on June 5, 2023, full and complete exchange was done with the remaining independent operations out of USW Local 1-2017 for West Fraser and Canfor. Those operations are: West Fraser - Quesnel Plywood; West Fraser Williams Lake Plywood; West Fraser - Fraser Lake; West Fraser 100-Mile Lumber; Canfor Chetwynd; Polar and Plateau.

Dates have been scheduled between the parties for **Conifer-June 12-16; and IFLRA-June 20-22, 2023**, Expiry of the Conifer and Southern Interior Master Agreement is June 30, 2023.

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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