

2023 Forest Industry Bargaining

USW LOCAL 1-417 UPDATE

Update #3 – June 16, 2023

USW Provincial Negotiating Committee moves south to IFLRA in Kelowna for June 20-22

Following meetings with the Conifer group of companies in Prince George this week, the USW Provincial Negotiating Committee is now heading south to Kelowna for dates scheduled next week, June 20-22.

The two parties addressed numerous issues in Prince George and still have a large number of proposals on both agendas to work through.

While both parties have similar agendas in BC's North and Southern Interior, there are numerous differences that must be addressed with both entities. Until a clearer picture of the outstanding issues emerges, the USW will continue to press both employer associations in search of a fair collective agreement for our membership.

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.

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.

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; Shawn Harris—USW Evaluator. 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 our members for your continued support.

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