

# 2018 Forestry Industry Bargaining

## USW LOCAL 1-417 UPDATE

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### IFLRA & USW COMMENCE BARGAINING – CONIFER TO RETURN TO TABLE

After months of attempting to commence bargaining, including a legal battle at the BC Labour Relations Board, on Thursday September 6<sup>th</sup> your USW Provincial Bargaining Committee exchanged proposals with the IFLRA in Kelowna, BC. Your Committee presented the IFLRA with 64 proposals. The IFLRA responded with a concessionary agenda seeking roll-backs in six general areas.

Your Committee will be returning to the CONIFER bargaining table on September 17<sup>th</sup>. With two full weeks of bargaining scheduled, and an overwhelming strike mandate, your Committee returns to CONIFER negotiations determined to finalize a new collective agreement!

IFLRA employers: Tolko, Canfor and West Fraser sit on both IFLRA and CONIFER Bargaining Committees. It was clearly communicated that USW members across the province are done waiting for a new agreement and are ready to act if employers continue to play games!

***Once again, we want to thank our USW Membership who continues to stand together and in one voice demand a fair contract!***

**The IFLRA is the bargaining agent for the following operations:**

- Local 1-417:** Canfor Vavenby, West Fraser Chasm, Tolko Heffley Creek, Aspen Planer sites 1 & 2 and Canoe Forest Products.
- Local 1-423:** Tolko's Armstrong, White Valley, Kelowna and Lumby Roads Crew, Lumby Forest Techs, Interfor Grand Forks and Weyerhaeuser Princeton.
- Local 1-405:** Canfor's Radium, Elko and Woodlands, Interfor Castlegar, Galloway Lumber, LP Golden and Stella Jones.

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