

Unifor Local 25

Bargaining Update!

During the Christmas and New Years holidays there was progress regarding Bell Craft bargaining.

Bargaining update #12, which can be found at unifor25.com, advised the bargaining unit that the company contacted Unifor National President Jerry Dias and requested the union to postpone any roadshows pertaining to a strike vote. In addition, the company requested the bargaining committee set aside time from the 13th of January until the 16th to engage in negotiations.

The union agreed to the request on the condition the company contributes someone who can bargain and is a decision maker, not just negotiate. The company has agreed to the unions counter request.

Furthermore, Unifor President Dias will be accompanying the bargaining committee for these rounds of talks.

This change in tactics from the company shows there is strength in solidarity. Our efforts over the past several months have clearly resonated.

The bargaining committee has further advised Local 25 that the priority remains job security and the Local 25 executive remains committed to holding them accountable.

Our next membership meeting will not include bargaining representatives and will be a normal membership meeting held on January 11th, 5:30 at the local union office, located at 73 Richmond St West, Unit 412.

Any and all updates sent out from the bargaining committee will continue to be posted on the unifor25.com website.

Please take time to engage with fellow members. Solidarity is our strength. Advise your manager you want what's fair for all of us, whether you're a TPT or looking to retire. We all perform important tasks and that should be recognized accordingly. All of us deserve to be treated with respect, compensated fairly and given certainty so we can raise our families.

After losing post retirement benefits, giving up our DB pension plan for new hires and a creation of a two tier wage system, our demands are very reasonable, just and affordable. We all must remain engaged, ready and resolute.

In solidarity,

Justin Connolly
President Local 25