

USW/City of Kimberley Negotiations
USW 1-405

Unionized Employees return 99% Strike Vote

Mediation scheduled for July 13

Following a meeting with the unionized employees of the City of Kimberley Tuesday night in Kimberley, a strike vote of **99%** was returned by the members.

75 members took part in the vote, a 90% turnout among the 89 members at the City.

A very clear message has been sent to the employer by the unionized employees and that message is to bargain a fair collective agreement for our members. Concessions such as stripping our collective agreement of a decade-old job evaluation system; special vacation provisions that bargained in good faith many years ago in lieu of wage increases; along with discriminatory practices in training operators in the operations department, are not acceptable.

It is hoped that this strong message sent to the employer will help achieve a fair collective agreement for our members.

Mediator Trevor Sonnes from the B.C. Labour Relations Board, who assisted the two parties in the last round of negotiations, is scheduled to conduct mediation on July 13.

Updates will be provided to the membership as they become available. Do not hesitate to contact the committee or myself with any questions.

Your USW Bargaining Committee at the bargaining table: Grant Farquhar, Alison Lafortune, Ilo Van Gilder, Dave (Red) Oscarson, Duane Hunt and Jeff Bromley – USW 1-405 Negotiator.