



GREATER VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES' UNION

BARGAINING UPDATE

October 19th, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We met with the Employer yesterday at the LRB offices with the assistance of our appointed mediator as well as another mediator who has actively participated in the other municipal bargaining tables that have reached negotiated settlements recently. There was a shift in tone at the bargaining table and through the mediators, we were able to have some important progressive discussions about your key bargaining priorities.

While we've made some progress, we still have not reached agreement on two key issues and there are significant barriers we need to address before reaching a deal.

Earlier today, the Union requested if the Employer was available to meet again to keep the momentum moving forward. The Employer was able to secure the mediator and space at the LRB offices to resume negotiations for tomorrow, October 20th at 9:30am.

With the positive progress that both parties were able to achieve yesterday at the bargaining table, your bargaining committee is doing everything we can and is hopeful in reaching a fair deal.

We will continue to provide updates as the situation evolves and rest assured, we have the membership's best interest in mind.

In Solidarity,

GVRDEU Bargaining Committee