



GREATER VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES' UNION

Media Release

October 16th, 2023

THE GVRDEU IS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING THE ESTABLISHED PICKET LINES AT ALL METRO VANCOUVER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS

Effective October 16th, 2023 at 3:30 pm, picket lines have been temporarily suspended that were established earlier today at all five (5) Metro Vancouver Sewage Treatment Plants.

Today, GVRDEU members took job action to send a message to Metro Vancouver and its Board members, that nearly two years without a contract is unacceptable. As of late, Metro Vancouver has advised the Union that any type of strike activity, including expressing solidarity by wearing union buttons, may cease payment of its benefit contributions for our members. Threats will not deter us in our fight for a fair and equitable deal as shown by the job action taken today.

The Union is scheduled to reconvene mediated talks with the Employer at the Labour Relations Board offices in Vancouver this Wednesday, October 18th. We hope that Metro Vancouver will acknowledge the regional pattern, and present a proposal that aligns with the agreements reached by our other member municipalities.

We want to express our gratitude to our brothers and sisters from the Teamsters 31 membership and all other unionized workers who acknowledged and honoured our picket lines today.

Sincerely,

The GVRDEU Bargaining Committee