

GREATER VANCOUVER REGIONAL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES' UNION

September 30th, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters

We are writing to provide a brief update on the potential strike action against Metro Vancouver.

After serving 72-hour strike notice to the Employer and registering with the BC Labour Relations Board (LRB) on September 21st, we were able to schedule a meeting with the LRB Associate Chair to preside over the disputed positions to finalize the Essential Services Global Order.

This process took longer than expected due to the Employer requesting that layers of protocols be in place, if/when the Union performs strike action. With the aid of the Associate Chair, we were able to limit those obstacles to a minimum.

On September 29th at 1:20pm, the Union served the Employer with another 72-hour strike notice and registered the notice with the LRB. The Union had to resubmit another strike notice due to no job action taking place promptly after the last strike notice was completed at 3:04 pm on Sunday September 24th.

Late yesterday evening, the Associate Chair received approval from the GVRDEU, Teamsters Local 31, and Employer signatories agreeing to the language in the Schedule A. This will enable him to issue the order regarding Essential Services shortly.

At 1:20pm on Monday October 2nd, the Union will be in its legal position to begin job action.

We will inform the membership on any news as it becomes available. Thank you for your continued support through this unsettling time.

In Solidarity,

Your GVRDEU Bargaining Committee