



Bargaining Update

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Overview

The 2007 round of bargaining is in the very early stages. Most of the unions have served notice to bargain, and initial meetings have been held. Proposals have been exchanged at only a few tables as yet. The union proposals that have been tabled are particularly aggressive, with the result that the bargaining agendas are as full and as complex as have ever been seen.

[**Bold** indicates settled. ***Bold Italics*** indicates settled and ratified.]

Group 1:

Boilermakers
Elevator Constructors
Millwrights
Plumbers / Pipefitters
Sheet Metal

Electricians
Ironworkers- Structural
Operating Engineers
Refrigeration Mechanics
Sprinkler Fitters

Group 2:

Bricklayers-Refractory
Insulators
Painters
Sheeters / Cladders

Glassworkers
Lathers / ISM
Plasterers
Tile Setters

Group 3:

Bricklayers-General
Cement Masons
Labourers
Teamsters

Carpenters
Ironworkers-Rebar
Roofers

Trade Tables

The following are trade tables for which we have some information. We will add information on other bargaining in future updates as we receive it.

Boilermakers: Notice has been served and the parties have met. They will reconvene in mid-February in Toronto to exchange proposals in respect to the Alberta appendix, and again in early March for the master agreement.

Bricklayers – Refractory: Notice has been served, and an initial meeting is being scheduled.

Carpenters: Notice has been served, and an initial meeting is being scheduled.

Cement Masons: Notice has not yet been served. The parties have discussed commencing on February 26th.

Electricians: Notice has been served. The parties have met to exchange proposals, and have had two meetings since. Further meetings are scheduled February 22nd and March 1st, with meetings tentatively set for March 2nd and 5th.

Elevator Constructors: Notice has been served, and an initial meeting has been scheduled for March 5th.

Interior Systems Mechanics – Lathers: Notice has been served, and an initial meeting is being scheduled.

Ironworkers – Reinforcing: Notice has been served, and the parties are in the process of scheduling meetings.

Insulators: Notice has been served, and the parties will meet on March 12th.

Labourers: Correspondence indicating the unions' desire to commence bargaining has been served.

Millwrights: Notice has been served, and the parties have had one meeting. Further meetings are scheduled for February 15th and 28th, and March 21st and 28th.

Operating Engineers - General: Notice has been served and the parties have had an initial meeting. Proposals will be exchanged on March 9th.

Operating Engineers – Crane Rental: The Alberta Crane Owners' Association has received notice, and the parties are scheduled to meet on March 2nd.

Plasterers: The Alberta Wall and Ceiling Association has received notice to bargain. The Association and the contractors are assessing options in respect to their structure for conducting collective bargaining in this round.

Plumbers & Pipefitters: Notice has been served, and the parties have met twice, and exchanged proposals. There has also been a meeting specific to the needs of the Calgary commercial part of the market. Further meetings are scheduled for February 14th and 21st.

Refrigeration Mechanics: Notice has been served and the parties will meet on February 23rd.

Roofers: Notice has been served, but no meetings are likely until March.

Sheet Metal Workers: Notice has been served and the parties have met and exchanged proposals. They will reconvene on February 20th.

Sheeters, Deckers and Cladders: Notice has been served and the parties have met and exchanged proposals. They will reconvene on February 21st.

Teamsters: Notice to bargain has been served. No meetings have yet been scheduled.

Tilesetters: Notice has been served, and the first meeting is scheduled for February 22nd.

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