

MORE POSTAL WORKERS JOIN PICKET LINES

Parties Continue to Work with Mediator

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Ottawa – The Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) rotating strike made its way north today, as members from the Whitehorse local in the Yukon and the Labrador City and Goose Bay locals in Labrador, enjoyed their first taste of strike action. They were joined by postal workers from British Columbia, Ontario and Quebec, who also walked off the job yesterday evening and this morning.

Members working out of the following locals joined the picket lines yesterday afternoon and this morning:

- Creston (BC)
- Elk Valley (BC)
- Golden (BC)
- Grand Forks (BC)
- Kimberley (BC)
- Kitimat (BC)
- Powell River (BC)
- Princer Ruper (BC)
- Salmon Arm / Revelstoke (BC)
- Smithers (BC)
- Sunshine Coast (BC)
- Terrace (BC)
- Whitehorse (YK)
- Rimouski (QC)
- Drumondville (QC)
- Gaspé (QC)
- Granby (QC)
- Napanee (ON)
- Pembroke (ON)
- Engelhart / New Liskeard / Kirkland Lake (ON)
- Hearst (ON)
- Muskoka (ON)
- Collingwood (ON)
- Alexandria / Hawkesbury (ON)
- Labrador City-Wabush (NL)
- Goose Bay (NL)

On Wednesday, November 7, the Minister of Labour, the Honourable Patty Hadju extended the appointment of Morton Mitchnick as mediator for the next four days to assist CUPW and Canada Post in reaching negotiated settlements.

“We welcome the mediator back to the negotiating table and we are ready to work with him to reach agreements that meet the needs of our members,” says Mike Palecek, CUPW National President. “We will not back down on our demands. Canada Post knows its offers aren’t good enough and we will not settle for anything less than what our members deserve.”

CUPW has called on a national overtime ban for both of its major bargaining units at Canada Post. Postal workers, no matter what their job at Canada Post, will not work more than an eight-hour day and not more than a 40-hour week. “Overburdening, overtime and overwork are all major issues in this round of bargaining. Until Canada Post negotiators’ address it, we can solve it for ourselves in the meantime,” says Palecek.

CUPW members are still without agreements for the Urban Postal Operations and Rural and Suburban Mail Carriers (RSMC) bargaining units after almost a year of negotiations.

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