

FTQ URGES CANADA POST TO RETURN TO THE BARGAINING TABLE

Montreal, October 26, 2018 – The *Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec* (FTQ) reiterates its support for postal workers and urges Canada Post to resume bargaining now that a new mediator has just been appointed to the talks by Ottawa.

“This labour dispute must be settled at the bargaining table. Canada Post can end the job action being legitimately taken by postal workers by resuming talks with the union in a meaningful fashion,” stated FTQ President Daniel Boyer.

The main issues in dispute are the workload resulting from increased parcel volumes, health and safety, work-life balance, hiring temporary and full-time workers, and equal treatment for the predominantly-female rural and suburban mail carriers.

“Health and safety is not a simple matter of opinion,” adds Serge Cadieux, FTQ Secretary General. “People have to realize that postal workers have an injury rate that is 5.4 times higher than the rest of the federal sector, including mining and longshoring. And 30% of these workers are in part-time or temporary jobs, which is unacceptable. All of them are entitled to a decent job and a decent living.”

The FTQ leaders stress that the Canadian Union of Postal Workers is ready to return to the table at any time and hopes that the appointment of a new mediator will spur Canada Post to review its positions and make acceptable offers.

The FTQ is Quebec’s largest labour central, with over 600,000 workers.