
Unifor Council 4000 to start negotiations with Toronto Terminals Railway January 21

The Unifor National Council 4000 Toronto Terminals Railway (TTR) Bargaining Committee will start actual negotiations with TTR on January 21 and 22, 2016 in Toronto. The official opening, which included an informal exchange of proposals from both sides, took place on December 3, 2015.

Unifor has 90 members at TTR who are members of Unifor Local 4003, which is a division of Unifor National Council 4000. Our TTR membership provide track maintenance, flagging and signal services on the Union Station Rail Corridor (USRC) in Toronto. The USRC is used by VIA Rail, GO Transit and the new Union Pearson (UP) Express. TTR is a jointly owned subsidiary of both CN and CP Rail

The company submitted a short list of contract proposals, but this short list includes items that are contradictory to some of the union's proposals. TTR wants revisions within the collective agreement which they view as improving operational efficiencies and providing greater flexibility in terms of hours of work, rest days and filling positions. TTR also discussed with the union the operational requirements placed on them by Metrolinx, an agency of the Government of Ontario and the operators of GO Transit and UP Express, and the relationship and role of TTR with Metrolinx going forward.

The union's bargaining proposals were formulated based on our members' suggestions as compiled during our TTR Bargaining Surveys completed in July 2015, as well as input from representatives of the bargaining committee. Paid sick leave, improved benefits and wages were the key items going into this round of negotiations.

In solidarity,

Council 4000 TTR Bargaining Committee:

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