

Local Union No. 31 Negotiates First Agreements at Overland West Freight Lines Ltd. at Surrey and Kamloops Terminals

Vancouver, British Columbia

On June 12th, 2018 Business Representative, Mike Hennessy and the Bargaining Committee concluded negotiations with Overland West Freight Lines Ltd. finalizing a first collective agreement for twenty-four (24) Warehousemen at the Surrey terminal and twenty-eight (28) Drivers, Owner-Operators, Drivers of Owner-Operators and Warehousemen at the Kamloops terminal.

“I would like to thank Bro. Ian Anderson, employed at the Surrey terminal for his participation in negotiations as part of the bargaining committee”, stated Mike Hennessy, “as well, I thank Bro. Mark Darlington for organizing his fellow workers at the Kamloops terminal and for his participation in the bargaining process.”

The new Local 31 members perform freight trucking work throughout the provinces of British Columbia and Alberta. The hardworking Teamsters at Overland West operate tractor trailers, 5 ton and 3 ton straight trucks while warehousemen operate loading equipment used to cross-dock freight in and out of trailers and load and strap down flat decks.

This latest success arrives upon the recently ratified first agreement that the seventy (70) Drivers, Owner-Operators, and the Drivers of Owner-Operators at the Surrey terminal approved by 98% in favor in early 2018.

The new agreement accomplished by the Bargaining Committee upheld the Teamsters high standards by negotiating substantial increases to the hourly rate for warehousemen, drivers, and the revenue for owner-operators, adding the Teamsters Health and Welfare Plan for all employees including the Owner-Operators and the Drivers of Owner-Operators, the Teamsters Pension Plan, an Owner-Operator Fuel Rebate, increased vacation time and all the Teamsters security language to keep members protected to the utmost.

“As a result of the contract negotiated, the Teamsters continue to build up positive results for workers in the freight trucking industry,” emphasized President Stan Hennessy, “we are negotiating security language, health plans and pensions, ensuring that our members are protected at the workplace and provided a secure future.”

Founded in 1903, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT) represents more than 1.4 million active members employed in a wide range of industries in Canada, United States, and Puerto Rico. Teamsters Local Union No. 31 proudly represents 7,300 members in British

Columbia and the Yukon Territory including general truck drivers, warehouse workers, courier, public sector, pulp and paper workers and limousine chauffeurs.

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