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TEAMSTERS AT SIMARD WESTLINK WIN NEW CONTRACT

On Sunday, September 18, 2022, 100 members of Teamsters, Local Union No. 31 employed at Simard Westlink, ratified a new 5-year contract ending its 7-day strike.

The new contract covering company drivers and owner-operators doing work primarily to and from the Ports of Vancouver and CP Rail made significant increases to their wage rates and a positive reduction from the 9-hour work day legislated by the Container Trucking Act to an 8-hour workday with overtime rates now commencing after 8 hours on duty.

Furthermore, the Union negotiated for Owner-Operators an 87.5 cent per litre fuel cap, which will bring relief to rising fuel costs, now the best fuel cap at the Port and Rail.

Also, for the Company Drivers, the Union negotiated the Teamsters National Pension Plan, a first for port operators in Vancouver, BC.

The Pension Plan will now complement the Teamsters Health and Welfare Plan initially negotiated in 2018.

The Teamsters operate as a team. Once the strike at Simard Westlink was underway, President Stan Hennessy and Business Agent Mike Hennessy joined the Bargaining Committee and assisted chair Duane Bryan to a successful outcome.

Congratulations to the Union Bargaining Committee Members at Simard Westlink, Pardeep Sharma, Eugene Leblanc, Amrik Dhillon, Business Agent Larry Sargeant, President Stan Hennessy, Business Agent Mike Hennessy, and chair Business Agent Duane Bryan.

On behalf of President Stan Hennessy, the Executive Board and Business Agents, congratulations to our Sisters and Brothers at Simard Westlink for winning their new contract.