



## TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION No. 31

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# President Stan Hennessy Calls Upon Members of the Teamsters Union Not to Cross the Picket Lines at the Hard Rock Casino

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**Coquitlam** – Teamsters Local Union No. 31 Officers joined the picket line with Members of the BC Government and Service Employees' Union (BCGEU) on strike at the Hard Rock Casino based in Coquitlam, British Columbia.

Over 400 BCGEU members at the Hard Rock Casino Vancouver have been on strike since May 11, 2018. The casino workers are picketing for fair wages, benefits and respect on the job. The workers have struck the company for over a month to apply pressure on the employer to begin negotiations at the bargaining table.

"Casino workers from across the province have had enough," says Stephanie Smith, President, BCGEU. "We are appealing to BC Lottery Corporation to help ensure fairness across the gaming industry."

On June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 workers from several BC casinos gathered outside the BCLC office at 2940 Virtual Way in Vancouver to rally against the unfair treatment of Casinos toward workers.

"We shall continue to support the picket line to defend the rights of all workers to bargain a first collective agreement," stated Stan Hennessy, President, Teamsters Local Union No. 31, "therefore, we call upon members of the Teamsters Union not to cross the picket line at the Hard Rock Casino."

Since June 11<sup>th</sup>, an additional 675 workers at Gateway Casinos in the Okanagan voted 93.1% in favour of striking last week.

**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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