



## TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION No. 31

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# PORT OWNER-OPERATOR, NEW BUSINESS AGENT AT LOCAL 31

***Brother Amrik Dhillon: Steering Port Drivers Towards Unionized Success***

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In a significant move towards bolstering the rights and representation of port drivers in Metro Vancouver, Teamsters Local 31 proudly announces the appointment of Brother Amrik Dhillon as a new Business Agent. President Stan Hennessy's appointment of Amrik is crucial in advocating for the interests and welfare of truck drivers at and from the ports in the region.

Amrik's journey with the Teamsters began in 2017 when the union successfully organized Simard Westlink, a pivotal moment that ignited his passion for labour advocacy. Since then, he has been a strong member and owner-operator driver, amassing valuable experience in port, rail, highway driving and grievances. Amrik's dedication to the union was evident as he rose through the ranks, serving as an elected Shop Steward, a key player on the Bargaining Committee, and a steadfast Picketline Captain.

In 2023, Amrik made a notable impact when actively contributing to the union committee's efforts to secure a ground-breaking port program. This program offers a lifeline to owner-operators who require a layoff due to lack of work, granting a much-needed 90-day relief on port tags. It's an endeavour that illustrates Amrik's commitment to improving his fellow drivers' working conditions and livelihood.

Drawing from his experience as an owner-operator in the trucking industry, Amrik recognizes the stark difference between being part of a union and navigating the challenges of non-union work. He passionately affirms, "I am proud to be a Teamster, helping port drivers realize the importance of union solidarity. With the Teamsters, we aim to end favouritism, ensure that management listens to the drivers, and negotiate more

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advantageous contracts than the current Container Trucking Act agreement. I enjoy my role as a Teamsters Business Agent, where I can assist all drivers, including those in my community who may face language barriers."

Teamsters Local 31 President Stan Hennessy emphasizes the significance of having solid union representation to represent the interests of port drivers. He believes that the appointment of Amrik Dhillon as a Business Agent is a stronghold for the union and the entire port driver community. "Port drivers are the backbone of our industry and deserve strong representation. Amrik's dedication and experience make him the ideal advocate for their rights. The Teamsters are committed to supporting our members and fighting for fair working conditions."

Amrik Dhillon's appointment as Business Agent at Teamsters Local 31 symbolizes a positive stride in the ongoing quest for fair treatment and improved conditions for port drivers in Metro Vancouver. His passion, dedication, and unwavering commitment to the union make him a strong part of Teamsters Local 31.

Teamsters Local Union No. 31 proudly represents more than 8,400 hard-working members in British Columbia and the Yukon Territory, including general truck drivers, courier, public sector, warehouse and grocery workers, transit, coach, school bus drivers and monitors, lumber, pulp and paper workers and limousine chauffeurs, since 1936.

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