



TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION No. 31

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550 Gordon Food Drivers and Warehouse Workers Join Teamsters Local 31

NEVER GIVE UP, NEVER BACK DOWN

Teamsters Local Union No. 31 has made history with its largest organizing victory since its founding in 1936. After years of relentless effort, over 550 workers at Gordon Food Service Canada Ltd. in British Columbia are now represented by the Teamsters Union.

From Metro Vancouver to the Okanagan, delivery and transfer drivers, warehouse workers, clerks, and more, stood strong in the face of corporate pressure and interference. The organizing campaign, launched in 2021 and gaining momentum through the summer of 2023, built a solid foundation of trust and unity.

This victory could not have been achieved without the leadership of President Stan Hennessy, Union Organizing Director Ben Hennessy, and the dedicated rank-and-file organizing committee who brought the fight to the company's doorstep. Union heroes like Pete Stanworth, now Business Agent at Local 31, Trustees Glen Bennison, and Jas Haer, Bros. Rick Cultess, Quade Osborne, Jerry Barr, Jared Farrell, David Lundy, along with Local 31 Business Agents and inside organizers who worked tirelessly—often after hours—signing up co-workers and overcoming obstacles, made this historic achievement possible.

With the guidance of legal experts like Daniel McBane, Nyssa Lessingham, and Tamara Ramusovic, the Teamsters fought through unfair labour practices and won critical victories, proving their strength. But this is only the beginning. The true

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power lies ahead in negotiating a first collective agreement that will increase wages and secure fully paid benefits and protections for these brave workers.

To the 550 newly united members of our great Union, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters—this victory is yours. You've made union history, and together, we will continue fighting for better conditions. Congratulations on this well-deserved triumph.

Teamsters Local Union No. 31 proudly represents more than 8,600 hard-working members in British Columbia and the Yukon Territory, including general truck drivers and industrial mechanics, courier, parcel and package handlers, public services, clerical, warehouse and grocery workers, transit, coach, school bus drivers and monitors, lumber, pulp and paper workers and limousine chauffeurs, since 1936.