



TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION No. 31

AFFILIATED WITH TEAMSTERS CANADA AND THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS
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NEW TEAMSTERS LOCAL 31 PORT AND RAIL DRIVERS AT SIMARD WESTLINK INC. RATIFY FIRST COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

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On Sunday, May 6th, port and rail Company Drivers and Owner Operators employed at Simard Westlink Inc. ratified their first collective agreement at the Teamsters Local Union No. 31 Head Office on Annacis Island.

The 127 Drivers at Simard Westlink Inc. perform work at all Ports in Metro Vancouver. In addition, it is now one of two Teamsters Local Union No. 31 trucking firms to haul containers to and from the Canadian Pacific Railway yards. Simard Westlink Inc. is a national company with terminals in Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal.

After receiving the Labour Board certification to represent, President Hennessy assigned Business Representative, Larry Sargeant to Chair negotiations, as well as Director of Organizing, Ben Hennessy to co-Chair while Brother, Joseph Chadirir was the Driver Member at the table.

During negotiations the Bargaining Committee was able to enhance working conditions by implementing a four year agreement with significant increases to all rates of pay, the 100% employer paid Teamsters National Health and Welfare Plan, job security language, improvements to vacation entitlements, addition of statutory lieu days and more.

"This new agreement is significant for all drivers working at the Port and Railyards in Vancouver", stated President Hennessy, "this contract says the Teamsters Union does the job right and Local 31 is extremely proud to welcome all the Drivers and Owner Operators into the Union"

The success of the Simard Westlink organizing drive has spurred the organizing of an additional group of 14 Port Drivers at Dayal Transport Systems Inc. in Delta, BC.

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“The Bargaining Committee wishes to express thanks to all our new Teamsters for their patience and support during the organizing and negotiating process”, said Business Rep., Larry Sargeant, “furthermore, we thank President Stan Hennessy for all of his guidance and advice.”

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