

Bell Technical Solutions Bargaining Update – Dec. 8, 2017

On Wednesday, December 6 your Unifor Bargaining Committee began formal negotiations with Bell Technical Solutions (BTS) to negotiate a new contract for 7,000 workers.

This is not only the first set of negotiations with Bell Technical Solutions since Unifor's founding in 2013, but the union has also engaged in a historic and united bargaining process because it brings together a joint Ontario and Quebec bargaining table. Nothing like this kind of coordination in bargaining has occurred for Bell Technical Solutions workers in Canada ever before.

Priority issues in this round of bargaining include: equal pay for equal work for all workers establishing work life balance, ending forced overtime, improvements for part time employees, and, within the framework of Unifor's National Campaign, paid domestic violence leave.

The core message delivered to the employer was that fairness for the BTS employees is long overdue!

The members of your Ontario Bargaining Committee are:

- Shawn Cowan Local 43
- Jim Fling Local 34-O
- Colum Lynn Local 1996-O
- Jeff Mark Local 47
- Tyson Siddall, Telecommunications Director

The members of your Quebec Bargaining Committee are:

- Charles Saumure Local 81
- Jocelyn Bouchard Local 176
- Christian Dénomée Local 98
- Jean-Stéphane Mayer, National Representative



The Bargaining Committee also has the full support of the National President, Jerry Dias and Québec Director, Renaud Gagné. To assist in negotiations the committee will be resourced by: Chris MacDonald, Assistant to the National President, John Caluori, Assistant to the Québec Director, and the legal, pensions and benefits, research and communications department.

Unifor BTS negotiations will now join the union's bargaining campaign underway with Bell Aliant and Bell clerical units to tell **Bell - it's time!**