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THE PARTIES CONTINUE TO MEET

Negotiations are continuing in an effort to achieve new collective agreements for both the RSMC and Urban bargaining units. The parties are working long hours to achieve this goal. We remain committed to negotiating fair collective agreements, as we have since the beginning of this process. We're encouraged that Canada Post now shares that perspective. We have no plans to issue a 72-hour notice.

Minister of Labour Issues Statement

Yesterday, the Honourable MaryAnn Mihychuk, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour issued a statement regarding our negotiations.

"I am pleased that there has been movement at the bargaining table and that progress is being made. I encourage both Canada Post and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers to continue their discussions beyond the lockout notice deadline. I remain hopeful that an agreement can be reached by the parties.

Federal mediators have been assisting the parties in their negotiations. Our government supports a fair and balanced collective bargaining process..."

CPC Withdraws 72-Hour Notice

Seemingly Canada Post reacted to Minister Mihychuk's appeal and issued the following statement last night:

"Accordingly the Corporation has withdrawn its 72-hour notice. As a result, there will not be a lockout, which will allow both parties to focus their efforts on serious negotiations.

We are also expecting the union to honour their repeated public statements that they have no plans to issue a strike notice. Assurance from both parties that the postal system will remain open for business while we negotiate will provide the certainty that Canadians and our employees are looking for.

Canada Post is committed to negotiating agreements that are fair to our employees while providing affordable pricing and service to Canadians."

What Now?

The Liberal Government is monitoring our negotiations very closely and encouraging the parties to reach agreements. Our Negotiating Committee will continue to encourage CPC to negotiate in good faith. We need to continue to be strong and determined in the days to come to achieve our goal. To ensure that you are fully informed, monitor Union communications closely.

> Solidarity and Determination Will Get Us the Agreements We Deserve!

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