

CUPW STRIKE HEADS TO NATION'S CAPITAL AND QUEBEC

2,500 Postal Workers Join Picket Lines Wednesday Morning

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Ottawa – Members of Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) from National Capital Region and across Quebec walked off the job early this morning as part of CUPW's second week of rotating strikes.

They include the following locals:

- Ottawa, Ontario
- Arnprior-Renfrew, Ontario
- St-Jérôme, Quebec
- Vaudreuil-Dorion, Quebec
- Valleyfield, Quebec
- St-Jean, Quebec
- Sorel, Quebec
- Ste-Thérèse de Blainville, Quebec

Workers from Prince Edward Island walked off the job earlier this morning, as did those in Joliette, Quebec.

"Canada Post may call their offers 'significant' but they don't address a single one of our major issues," says Mike Palecek, CUPW National President. "Management refuses to address the urgent health and safety issues that have left postal workers the most injured group of workers in the federal sector. And the wage increases Canada Post so proudly talks about are well-below the expected inflation rate. These offers are far from significant to us. We will stay on the picket line as well as the bargaining table until we reach fair agreements for all our workers."

CUPW members are still without agreements for the Urban Postal Operations and Rural and Suburban Mail Carriers (RSMC) bargaining unit after almost a year of negotiations.

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