



Strike Averted at Kindersley

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Late this afternoon, after two days of negotiations, your Negotiating Committee and Kindersley Transport reached an agreement in Collective Bargaining, thus averting a labour dispute. We were successful in making some improvements to the company offer at the 11th hour, and your Committee will be contacting you to give you an opportunity to vote on this agreement. Details are being worked out over the next few days.

While the negotiating committee wanted to see more significant changes to the collective agreement, our ability to put pressure on the company was limited by a very weak strike vote. Many members were concerned about the fact that the committee refused to release the percentage by which the strike vote passed but, we had little choice. The fact is that only 51% of the members who cast ballots, voted to support a strike. That matter was compounded by the fact that your committee was well aware that 25% of the membership didn't bother to cast a ballot.



To make matters worse, your Negotiating Committee was also aware that a significant number of members informed management that they were prepared to cross our picket line, should we be forced to exercise our right to strike. This kind of action by some members, coupled with a weak strike vote, substantially undermined your committee's ability to force the company to increase their offer in any real way. We got the best agreement we could negotiate, considering the circumstances.