

International Longshore and Warehouse Union Canada

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International Longshore and Warehouse Union Canada to take limited and targeted job action Monday morning at GCT Deltaport and GCT Vanterm but all ports will remain open; no picket lines will go up, says union, as contract talks continue

VANCOUVER – The International Longshore and Warehouse Union Canada and ILWU Locals 500 and 502 will commence limited and targeted job action on or about 7 a.m. Monday May 27 in ILWU's efforts to negotiate a new collective agreement.

That limited and targeted job action – such as an overtime ban - will be carried out at GCT Deltaport in the municipality of Delta and at GCT Vanterm in Vancouver only, says ILWU Canada President Rob Ashton.

“Contrary to comments made by employers to the media, all terminals will remain open for business and ILWU-Canada and its locals will not put up picket lines at this time. Our goal is to keep the ports open with minimal disruption to trade,” Ashton said.

The union has been attempting through 18 months of negotiations to renew the industry collective agreement that expired March 31, 2018. ILWU Canada remains committed to bargaining a reasonable deal for our members, a deal that ensures the prosperity and stability of the gateway and addresses our members' concerns over automation of the workplace and the potential devastation to our communities.

“We made the difficult decision to exercise our constitutional right to engage in job action because all other means have failed to achieve an agreement,” says Ashton. “We remain optimistic that a fair deal can be achieved through the constitutionally protected bargaining process.”

The ILWU Canada bargaining committee is currently at the bargaining table this weekend with federal mediators. The union received a 98.4% strike vote mandate earlier this month.

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