

Your Union and Gate Gourmet met on April 8 to try and reach a Collective Agreement. Both sides worked hard with the assistance of a Government Appointed Mediator. Unfortunately the Company's offer fell short of a reasonable settlement and the Employees have rejected the Company's "Best and Final" offer by 88% at a ratification vote on April 15.

Gate Gourmet served a lock out notice that went into effect at 12:01 am April 16 as a result of the rejected Company's offer. UFCW Local 401 also served strike notice based on your 100% strike vote taken on March 25.

Picket lines went up at the former CARA, now Gate Gourmet Kitchen facilities on Airport Road at the Edmonton International Airport at 12:01 Saturday April 16 and have remained strong. These Employees supply food and other essential services on the several major airline carriers arriving and departing from the airport.

The main issue remaining is the Company's demand for an unreasonable three year wage freeze. Your Union will continue to be open to further negotiations with Gate Gourmet and will resume talks when your Employer wishes to come back to the table with improvements to their "Best and Final" offer.

Gate Gourmet Employees have sent a strong message to their Employer they will not accept their offer and continue to do so from the street.