

Lakeside XL Union Contract Ratified and Accepted

92% of voting XL Lakeside employees have said yes to a new Union contract!!

The contract features substantial wage improvements, retroactive pay and a significant increase to benefits. Also, new health and safety protections, food safety provisions and new rights for Temporary Foreign Workers have been negotiated.

UFCW Local 401 President Douglas O'Halloran said "Union contracts are never good enough for our hard working members; but this contract goes a long way towards improving the paycheques and day to day working lives of XL Lakeside employees in Brooks. I am pleased with the agreement but more importantly, I am satisfied with the high endorsement level of the workers. Union members at the plant are what matter most to me."

Local businesses need to be reminded that more money in the workers pockets means more money flowing into local businesses. The high level of endorsement among workers proves that there is a high level of support for the Union in Brooks. This is a second collective agreement and there can be no doubt that there is a growing acknowledgment of the value of the Union at the XL Lakeside plant.

It is important that workers, the citizens of Brooks, and local business leaders remind the local media that backward and prejudiced notions about labour relations need to be left in the past...