

UNION ASKS FOR A CONTRACT OFFER!

Union negotiations for a new contract with PTI continued from July 19 to July 21st in Edmonton.

Some of the topics discussed included major compensation and monetary issues like wages, benefits, RRSP entitlement and travel allowances.

Your Union asked the Company for a comprehensive settlement offer!

What this means is that your Union negotiation committee has made a judgement call. Your Union contract expired on December 31 2009. We have had numerous bargaining sessions with the Company covering a broad range of work place topics. Your bargaining committee feels that we have said all that needs to be said and argued all that needs to be argued to generate an overall offer for a new contract covering the employees at Kelsey, MacKenzie, Wapasu, Athabasca, Beaver River and Conklin lodges.

More bargaining dates have been scheduled in August and the Company has said that their objective will be to put an offer on the table at that time.

In addition to attending bargaining sessions your bargaining committee also walked a picket line in Edmonton! Employees at a business called McKesson have been on strike for over 3 weeks. McKesson is an enterprise that warehouses and distributes products for drug stores. Everything from chocolate bars to school supplies, cosmetics to Viagra and anti depressants is warehoused and organized in this business and distributed to major drugstores and drugstore chains. The employees are on strike for fair wages and benefits. PTI employees put on strike signs and joined McKesson employees on the picket line for solidarity and support. If PTI employees go on strike they can anticipate the support and solidarity of other Union members as well.