

Bargaining update April 21

Staff Discount at Superstore?

In recent months, the Loblaws company has “experimented” with a staff discount in some of its stores in Canada.

Will it come to Alberta Superstores and what form will it take?

Your union has been pushing for a staff discount at the bargaining table. Obviously, such a discount, if you are a Superstore shopper, would be money in your pocket, and would discourage employee shopping at non union competitors. But it cannot stand alone or in any way be a substitute for well deserved wage and benefit improvements for employees.

The company is leaning towards at 10% staff discount in the next few months but we cannot know for sure at this point. Your union bargaining committee says this issue must be negotiated. Also, we believe that staff and their family should be eligible. 10% may not be enough, and no economic deal will be concluded without a suitable overall wage and benefit package.

Staff discounts are a great idea that our union continues to push for, but wage and benefit improvements must be part of a new union contract for Superstore and Liquor store employees.