

2016 Auto Talks

#AUTOTALKS16



September, 18 at 7:30 p.m. Update

TALKS CONTINUE AS DEADLINE APPROACHES

The Unifor Master Bargaining Committee has met with GM throughout the weekend to reach a tentative agreement that will benefit all our members working at the Detroit Three. Your Committee is working hard to reach a fair agreement to set a pattern that secures product and investment.

At the caucus meeting this morning, the National President indicated that the union is in a good position for the final hours of negotiations. Bargaining sub-committees dealing with subjects pertaining to: health and safety, pensions and benefits, production standards, skilled trades, among others have made progress. The focus now is squarely on economics and securing product.

The next 24 hours are key for our union and for the auto industry in Canada.

Our Committee remains hopeful that we can avoid a strike. Collectively though, members working in Oshawa, St. Catharines and Woodstock must be ready for any outcome.

To ensure the union is equipped for a strike, local presidents, financial secretaries and strike captains from 199, 222 and 636 met in Toronto on Friday, September 16, to review strike protocols and prepare. If you have not signed up for picket duty do it now!

All of your ongoing support, including workplace solidarity actions, Facebook posts, and emails are immensely appreciated by the bargaining committees. Check out this wonderful visual message from retirees at local 1973 that was sent earlier today: <https://youtu.be/TdDBZGIIKE>

If a tentative agreement is not reached by 11:59 p.m. on Monday, September 19 we will be on strike. Members working at GM need stay on the job and stay tuned for further instructions from your local strike coordinator. As talks continue members will be updated. Please follow @Autotalks16 on Twitter or visit www.Facebook.com/Autotalks16.

We are in this together and we will continue to press our priorities because a future for good jobs in Canada's auto sector is absolutely worth fighting for!

We stand united.

In solidarity, Members of the Unifor Master GM Bargaining Committee