



Unifor National Skilled Trades Council

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Mike Smith, President Unifor Local 2200
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Dear Brother Smith,

Re: **Unifor National Union Skilled Trades Council support for Unifor Local 2200 Bargaining Committee, engaged in job action against the employer, Coast Mountain Bus Company (Metro Vancouver, BC).**

We write this letter to offer the full support of the **Executive Board** and Delegates of the **Unifor National Skilled Trades Council** to your Skilled Trades members and support workers who are engaged in workplace action against your employer, CMBC & TransLink.

We fully understand the frustration of your skilled trades members who are required to perform the same work with the same trades qualifications, as other contracted workers (CUPE 7000, SkyTrain) of the parent company TransLink, at a rate of pay that is significantly less than what those other contracted TransLink workers are paid.

The Unifor National Skilled Trades Department has reviewed your Bargaining Proposals and find them to be appropriate and reasonable in the circumstances.

Our recent update from your progressive strike action would suggest that you have a tough battle ahead of you but with the show of support and strength from your members providing a 99% support for your goals, we are confident that you will eventually achieve a fair agreement for your members and all of the 5000 members represented by Unifor Locals 111 & 2200.

Please convey our full support to your members and the offer of support from the UNSTC and Unifor National Skilled Trades Department in any manner that may be of assistance to you.

We know the importance of this “wage parity and equality” to your members.

Please keep us posted on any assistance you may need with your campaign and strike action.

In Solidarity,

DAVID CASSIDY, Chairperson, Unifor National Skilled Trades Council

JOHN BRESLIN, Unifor National Skilled Trades Director