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Metro Vancouver –Unifor affiliated container drivers' call for strike action relating to their collective agreement on the pay.

Metro Vancouver – FCL Container Trucking

Member drivers affiliated to Unifor have called for Strike Action.

Please be advised, that several Unifor affiliated driver members, have called for a strike action from this morning in Vancouver city.

Members of Unifor (*Vancouver Container Truckers' Association*), comprise a strength of about 300 truckers of the approximately 1700 Vancouver container truckers that service Port Metro Vancouver.

These Unifor trucker members in the city's port trucking sector have been without a contract for 18 months and remain in a legal strike position against many container trucking companies.

Who is Unifor: Canada's largest union in the private sector, representing more than 310,000 workers.. It was formed on Labour Day weekend 2013, when the Canadian Auto Workers and the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers unions merged.

As a refresher: Container truckers shut down Port Metro Vancouver for nearly four weeks in March 2014 as a result of wage undercutting by trucking companies and long wait times at the Port. Truckers went back to work after a plan was signed with the truckers, the Port, the BC government, and the federal government.

The collective bargaining between Unifor and Container Trucking Companies has been progressing slowly.

Most Trucking Companies Owners with Union affiliated drivers want an agreement that will enable them to remain competitive in an ever increasing slow economy.

"Some employers are having trouble coping with the new reality of a Trucking Commissioner that makes all companies play by the rules," said Gavin McGarrigle, Unifor's BC Area Director. "Operations at Port Metro Vancouver could easily be affected soon if companies don't start to take bargaining seriously."

"Truck drivers are eager to bargain and get a contract, but if the companies keep dragging their feet, service disruptions could snowball very quickly again, right at the start of the holiday season," McGarrigle added.

At this point in time, not all our service providers are with drivers affiliated to Unifor and we continue to manage container flow in an out of the Port.

At Kuehne + Nagel, we will monitor the situation closely as things unfold and will update you periodically.

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