



NEGOTIATE 2008! BARGAINING UPDATE

April 25, 2008

The Negotiate 2008! Table Committee and the employer met during the dates of April 22 to 25, 2008.

The proposals members have submitted to the committee regarding issues of representation, probation, availabilities, scheduling, breaks, layoff, promotion procedure and requests for time off were discussed in great detail.

The talks have been difficult as the employer continues to demand its position of unfettered rights to operate the business and claiming to need increased flexibility.

The Table Committee continues to negotiate on these issues, in efforts to convince the employer that changes need to be made to provide stability, security and fairness for the employees who work for Loblaws.

Under the new Loblaw regime, established by the company's "Plan Simplify", the employer contends that these same core principles and values are a key component in the success of Loblaws going into the future and yet they continue to be a stumbling block at the bargaining table.

The next dates are booked for mid May, 2008.

Please do not hesitate to contact the union with any questions you may have.

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