

Community Picket Lines Set Up in London

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For immediate release

Ottawa – This morning, we were informed that Union and community members in London, Ontario set up picket lines outside the Mail Processing Plant. In solidarity with postal workers, the protest-line allowed workers in, but did not allow mail out.

This action comes after members from several major unions from in British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Nova Scotia disrupted mail delivery with demonstrations outside processing plants in Richmond, Edmonton, Mississauga, Hamilton, Windsor and Halifax.

“You cannot legislate labour peace,” says CUPW National President Mike Palecek. “There are fifty thousand union members that have been prohibited from picketing at post offices in this country, and three million who haven’t. We are not the only ones willing to defend the right of free collective bargaining.”

What we are seeing over the last week, is that instead of resolving our dispute with Canada Post, the Trudeau Government has picked a fight with labour. **“An injury to one is an injury to all”** is much more than a slogan.

“We are overwhelmed by the display of solidarity from across the country over the last week,” adds Palecek. “Our allies have braved the cold, the rain and even the police to picket for us when our right to strike was taken away. It’s clear that this fight is no longer just about postal workers. It is about the right to free collective bargaining and it impacts every worker in this country.”

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