

# Higgs tries stall tactics, CUPE Locals forge ahead

Late this afternoon, Blaine Higgs filed a bargaining in bad faith complaint against CUPE local 1190. This notice comes after 3 strong strike votes were completed on Monday with Locals 1840, 1866 & 5017.

The provincial government is already trying to throw procedural wrenches to interfere in the ongoing CUPE strike votes and vote counts, notably by targeting Local 1190.

Higgs wants to derail CUPE's strike votes by using an outdated document that remained on a bulletin board since 2019. This non-issue happened in a single location. Local 1190 has over 90 work locations. To avoid having the strike votes delayed any further, with potential lengthy fights at the Labour Board, Local 1190 has decided to cease their current vote. Local 1190 has already begun working on a new voting process which will happen as soon as possible.

The Centralized Bargaining Team has always been fully transparent with members and the public. As long as Higgs maintains his insulting low-wage "offer", members know strong strike mandates and potential job actions are necessary to secure fair wages.

Higgs' attacks and tactics are not surprising, and we can expect he will try to throw more wrenches in free collective bargaining to block our path to fairness.

As a centralized bargaining team, our strength comes from our solidarity. We stand with all members of Local 1190 pushing back against intimidation and delay tactics. Workers right to free collective bargaining must be respected.

In Solidarity,

The CUPE Centralized Bargaining Team



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