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Union Says Negotiations with CPKC Have Reached an Impasse

Unifor said negotiations with CPKC have reached a stalemate and, as a result, Local 101R will hold strike votes across the country in the coming weeks.

Read more in an [article from Inside Logistics](#).

CN Publishes Its Winter Plan

The [CN Winter Plan](#) is an in-depth review of the steps CN takes to prepare for the challenges of operating a railway in a northern climate. The plan details comprehensive, proactive actions, strategies and innovations designed to help meet customer demand safely and efficiently by optimizing operations during the coming winter months.

Genesee & Wyoming Launches First Railroad in Western Canada

Genesee & Wyoming Inc. this week launched its first railroad in western Canada, the Red Deer Railway Limited (RDR).

The railroad operates between Jackson and Homeglen, Alberta, and uses operating rights over Canadian Pacific Kansas City from Red Deer to Chigwell and to Prentiss, Alberta. A direct interchange with CPKC in Red Deer provides access to the North American freight-rail network, while RDR's rail-car storage capacity as well as rail car-to-truck transloading and rail-car switching capabilities offer broader logistics services, G&W officials said in a press release.

The railroad's 10 employees serve customers in the energy industry.

Read more in an [article from Progressive Railroading](#).

Canadian Business/Government

Canada Post Strike: Here's Where Workers Are Still Seeking Progress

Canada Post on Sunday said it provided the union with a “comprehensive framework for reaching negotiated agreements.”

“It is our hope that these proposals will reignite discussions and, together with the support of mediators, help the parties work toward final agreements,” a Canada Post statement said on Sunday.

CUPW national president Jan Sampson said in a statement that the union was reviewing the proposal.

“CUPW and Canada Post have both provided adjustments to demands to the special mediator in hopes that he will restart the mediation process. As of now, the mediator has not informed us of a restart, but the Union is ready,” a statement from Sampson wrote.

Labour Minister Steven MacKinnon said on Tuesday that there had been “no material progress” to report. Asked if the federal government would consider imposing binding arbitration, he appeared to reject the idea once again. “That’s not in the cards as I’ve said,” he told reporters.

Read more in an [article from Global News](#).

International Business/Government

EU Finalizes Ban on Goods Made with Forced Labour

A ban in the European Union on goods made with forced labour has received final approval and will take effect in three years.

The new regulation allows the EU to prohibit the sale, import and export of goods made using forced labour. EU member state authorities and the European Commission will be able to investigate suspicious goods, supply chains and manufacturers, and the Commission will create a database of forced labour risk areas and products to support this work. Decisions to investigate will be based on factual and verifiable information and will be informed by risk factors such as the prevalence of state-imposed forced labour in certain economic sectors and geographic areas.

If a product is deemed to have been made using forced labour, it will have to be withdrawn from the EU market and donated, recycled or destroyed. Non-compliant companies may be fined. The goods may be allowed back into the EU once the company eliminates forced labour from its supply chains.

Read more in the [Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg Trade Report](#).