



## INTERNATIONAL LONGSHORE & WAREHOUSE UNION CANADA

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# The BULLETIN

## Update on Bargaining

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### **Tentative agreement reached for new contract between International Longshore and Warehouse Union Canada and BC Maritime Employers Association; employer lockout to be lifted at BC ports**

**VANCOUVER** – A tentative agreement has been reached this morning after all-night negotiations between the International Longshore and Warehouse Union Canada and the BC Maritime Employers Association, representing BC port employers.

The BCMEA is lifting immediately a lockout of ILWU members imposed at 8 a.m. Thursday. ILWU has withdrawn its strike notice as well.

No details of the tentative agreement will be released pending ratification votes by ILWU members.

The union went through 18 months of negotiations to renew the industry collective agreement that expired March 31, 2018. ILWU Canada members voted 98.4% in favour of a strike if necessary earlier this month.

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**On behalf of your Negotiating Committee**  
In Strength and Solidarity

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