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HUNGRY IN HAZELTON

Conference Renews Support

Delegates were unanimous

Ongoing commitment and support to Local 404 in its struggle at the Carnaby Mill was pledged by delegates to the CEP Western Region Conference last week in Saskatoon.

Mo Azaz, President of Local 404 and Ian Simpson, of Local 1123 reported on the struggle to date and what the unions expect yet to come.

Special praise went to Local 298 President, Peter King and his members from Eurocan in Kitimat. During its recent strike, members made the trip to Hazelton daily to shore up the blockade. Mo said, "Peter's local has been there for us all through this and they have committed to keep up the support even though they are now back to work. It doesn't get much better than that."

More Determined than ever

The commitments of support have renewed the energy of our brothers and sisters on the blockade.

Mo, on behalf of his members, wants to send a special thank you to the delegates at the Western Region Conference and the locals who have sent financial support or are voting support at their upcoming meetings.

"It has been a long struggle and without the solidarity of our brothers and sisters in the CEP we would have had a hard time fighting back against Dan Veniez and New Skeena. They have been determined and persistent in trying to stop the blockade and we are equally determined that we will not bring the blockade down until we are walking into the mill to do our jobs." said Azaz.

Latest on Arbitration -- Delayed until early October

At the 11th hour on Thursday, New Skeena and CEP agreed to delay the Arbitration scheduled with Vince Ready for Friday. New Skeena expects to have the financing in two weeks to enable it to put together a plan for all its properties. New Skeena has requested that the blockade come down to allow the company to move a loader to its recently reopened Kitwanga mill. The Local hopes that New Skeena is acting in good faith but, "**Absolutely no equipment will leave the property,**" said **Mo Azaz**. Ready has agreed to expedite a hearing at the call of either party.