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## Progress Made At Bargaining Table

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*Prince George, B.C.* - The United Steelworkers' B.C. Interior Bargaining Committee is reporting some progress, following contract talks with Canfor in Prince George last week.

A news release says the two sides had "some serious discussion on alternate shifting language and severance language regarding permanent plant closure and partial plant closure."

The committee says collective agreement language is needed on both permanent and partial closures to "prevent employers from simply running their workers out of seniority and then announcing a permanent closure of their operation to avoid the payment of severance."


USW Wood Council locals, representing more than 11,000 workers, are in the process of bargaining collective agreements with employer associations in the northern and southern Interior, as well as with Canfor's northern operations and West Fraser Timber. All collective agreements expired on June 30, 2009.


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