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### Talks To Resume As Forest Workers Vote In Favour Of Strike Action Union says members are frustrated over unsigned contract

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There's been a big boost for the union negotiating on behalf of forestry workers in the southern interior. The Kelowna local president of the United Steelworkers Union, Bruce Gardner, says the 24-hundred members have voted 95 percent in favour of strike action. "That is huge," says Gardner. "That number from the amount of people, that is fantastic." "That shows the amount of frustration out there," adds Gardner. Negotiations with industry bargainers are set to resume next Wednesday for three days. Gardner says most salary issues have been resolved although the union wants trades rate increases back-dated to last September. Workers at three Tolko operations, in Kelowna, Lumby, and Armstrong were involved in the vote. Meanwhile, the United Steelworkers Union continues negotiations on behalf of 24 independent workers at Tolko Lake Country Bin and Pallet.

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