

# BC INTERIOR

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### ***IFLRA PROPOSAL RECEIVED***

Your Negotiating Committee met in Kelowna, with Interior Forest Labour Relations (IFLRA) on June 25, 2009. Companies at the table included Tolko, Ainsworth, Aspen, Atco, Tembec, and Weyerhaeuser. The IFLRA also represents other employers covered by the Southern Interior Master Agreement.

Your Negotiating Committee presented the Company representatives with Union Proposals ratified at the Interior wages and contract conference in 2008.

The Companies proposal was not a surprises to the committee, it followed a similar pattern set by Canfor, West Fraser and C.O.N.I.F.E.R. looking for a long term Collective Agreement with extensive concessions in the areas of;

Wages	Pension Contributions
Benefits	Overtime Rate
Vacation Pay	Sunday Premiums

Labour cost reductions, greater flexibility and a smaller collective agreement have been the themes from all Employers.

Your Bargaining committee will meet to thoroughly analyze the various Employers positions, determine which appears to offer the best opportunity to successfully negotiate and conclude a new, progressive, collective agreement.



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