



**The St. Lawrence
Seaway Management
Corporation**

**Corporation de Gestion
de la Voie Maritime
du Saint-Laurent**

UNIFOR Serves The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation with a 72-Hour Strike Notice

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Cornwall, Ontario – The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation (SLSMC) was served with a 72-hour notice to strike by UNIFOR on October 18, 2023 for locals 4211, 4319, 4212, 4323 and 4320. The union intends to begin strike action as of 00:01 on Sunday, October 22, 2023.

Cargo movements through the Seaway are an important part of the North American economy and supply chain. In particular, this labour action would impact grain movements during a period when the world is in dire need of this essential commodity, even as supply has been affected by the situation in Ukraine and the greater frequency of extreme weather events being experienced around the world.

The SLSMC remains committed to obtaining a fair settlement, and will continue to bargain in good faith with the assistance of a federally-appointed mediator. UNIFOR represents the Seaway's 361 unionized employees.

As a result of UNIFOR's strike notification, SLSMC has started implementing its detailed plans for an orderly and safe shutdown of the system within the 72-hour notice period. Should the unionized workers proceed with strike action, the St. Lawrence Seaway will be closed to all traffic.

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