

CAW Local 1016 Ratifies Agreement With NAV Canada

CAW Local 1016 members from Gander to Vancouver have voted 84.4 per cent in favour of a new collective agreement which provides wage increases, improved vacations, and more.

"We're confident that this first round of bargaining as part of the CAW will herald a new period of progress for our membership," said CAW Local 1016 president Shawn Wood.

The settlement provides annual increases averaging 3.13%; retrieval of many protections lost in the 1999 round of bargaining; improved annual vacations, relocation rights, protection for "term employees", protection of shift schedules, besides others.

In ratification meetings held across the country there was a tremendous turn out of members - 91 per cent of the membership voted with 84 per cent voting in favour.

"I'm impressed by this incredible show of solidarity and confidence in the newly elected leadership," said national representative Abe Rosner.

The CAW now represents a total of 3,500, or 75 per cent of NAV Canada's unionized workforce. Local 1016 members work in flight planning; simulation of air traffic control for training; flight data analysis; aeronautical information services; publications; and others.

This is the first collective agreement that Local 1016 has ratified with NAV Canada as part of the CAW. They voted overwhelmingly (82 per cent) in July of 2005 to leave their independent association and join the CAW.