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United Steel Workers Serve 72 Hour Strike Notice on CVRD

Duncan, BC – The Cowichan Valley Regional District has been served 72 hours' strike notice by the United Steel Workers (USW) Local 1-1937. The USW represents 50 CVRD employees at Cowichan Lake Recreation, as well as solid waste employees at Bings Creek, Meade Creek and Peerless Road transfer stations and 34 water and sewer services.

The earliest possible job action could occur as of 1:14 p.m. on Monday June 1st. At this time, it is not known what, if any, job action may be planned by the USW.

The CVRD has made an application to the Labour Relations Board (LRB) to determine essential service levels related to this labour dispute. The CVRD expects a response from the LRB on Monday.

The parties have had five bargaining sessions but remain apart on wage and benefit issues. The CVRD has made a comprehensive offer of settlement to the USW on terms consistent with recent contract settlements with its Canadian Union of Public Employees and International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees local unions but this offer was rejected by the USW.

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