



## **STRIKE AUTHORIZATION VOTE – Unifor Members in Ford Bargaining Units. Sunday August 30, 2020 from 12:01 am – 11:59 pm**

There are unique circumstances in this round of bargaining that prevent your union leadership from being able to host a “regular” in person meeting regarding the STRIKE AUTHORIZATION VOTE. In this age of COVID-19, the Ontario Government has restrictions on how many people can be in a room together as we all know. These rules therefore prevent us from having an en-masse meeting to discuss the current situation. Instead, your leadership has been working hard to secure a safe and independent consultant company to supervise and conduct any votes that will be required through this process.

Our local union has chosen to send out your credentials to vote via your email address to ensure everyone will have the ability to exercise their democratic right to vote in both the upcoming Strike Authorization Meeting as well as the Ratification Meeting to follow once a deal is reached. Even if you have not utilized your vote at the Strike Authorization Meeting, you will still be able to vote at the Ratification Meeting.

If you are registered to vote on the Strike Authorization Vote and have not receive your email by Friday August 28<sup>th</sup>, we ask that you send your name and Global ID to [vp1@uniforlocal707.ca](mailto:vp1@uniforlocal707.ca) who will then send you a unique password to vote. The contact information is strictly for internal use and will not be sold or given to any outside third parties other than our consultant that will be emailing/ mailing you for voting purposes. The consultant company being used is SimplyVoting.com . Simply Voting has worked with academia, political parties, has corporate and union clients etc. for years assisting with the process of online/electronic voting. All votes sent through Simply Voting are confidential and no one has the ability to see how anyone votes. The only thing available is to see if a person voted or not. We encourage all of our members to investigate SimplyVoting.com for themselves by checking out their website.

If you have any questions, please see Paul Friesen in the President’s office.

# Re: Strike Authorization Vote

Dear member,

You are eligible to vote on a Strike Authorization Vote. It will be an electronic vote and will take place on **Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020** between 12:01 a.m. and 11:59 p.m. EDT. Results will be made public August 31<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. EDT.

In order to ensure secrecy of the ballot, Canadian firm Simply Voting Inc. has been hired as the independent third-party election provider. Ballots will be encrypted and stored anonymously on their Canadian servers. Unifor will not be able to consult your ballot or voting receipt. Election results will be certified by Simply Voting. You are responsible for casting your vote before the official end date to be tallied in the results.

**To vote online**, please visit the website below on any internet-connected device. Once you reach the login form, enter your *FCA Master Number*, *Ford GID*, or *GM GMIN*, and the password provided below. Then, follow the on-screen instructions to submit your vote.

<https://uniforational.simplyvoting.com>

**Password:**

**If you have any questions or concerns regarding voting or a change of address, please contact the Council Lead for your respective workplace:**

Ford – Dave Millar [vp1@uniforlocal707.ca](mailto:vp1@uniforlocal707.ca)

FCA - Wayne MacLean [wmaclean@uni444.ca](mailto:wmaclean@uni444.ca)

GM – Peter Scott [education@unifor199.org](mailto:education@unifor199.org)

**The Strike Authorization Vote is your opportunity to let the company know that you are supporting your bargaining committee to get the best possible agreement from the company that will benefit us moving forward. It also shows that we will be ready and willing to strike if the bargaining unit is unable to get the gains that they feel are best for our membership. Use your democratic rights and show support for those who we (the membership) elected to represent us in bargaining.**