

OLIVE BRANCH TO MAYOR AND COUNCIL TO END THE LOCKOUT

By voting to accept 9 of 10 recommendations by negotiator Vince Ready, Nelson's city workers have given up their hopes to secure the same standard benefits and improvements enjoyed by workers across the province.

City workers have proposed an amendment to Vince Ready's recommendation regarding the outstanding issue of contracting out of city services and have presented this "olive branch" to Mayor Elliott and Council to vote on and end the lockout. Accept this olive branch by replacing Vince Ready's list of names protected from contracting out with a list of core services.

In this way we can better protect our core city services from contracting out as our aging workforce prepares for a flood of retirements.

Respect the will of Nelson residents and their city workers to keep their city services public.

In return, Nelson city workers offer to:

 Eliminate the minimum staffing level altogether (no more haggling over numbers)

If Mayor and Council accept this olive branch, all outstanding issues between the parties would be resolved.

• Give the city of Nelson the authority to contract out city work where they can demonstrate significant savings to Nelson taxpayers, while maintaining the level and quality of services.

THE CITY ASKED, WE GAVE. NOW IT'S THEIR TURN.

Tell Mayor Elliott and Council to accept the olive branch and end the lockout.

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