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Residential Construction Bargaining Update

VAUGHAN – On April 30th, all collective bargaining agreements for residential construction in the GTA expired.

RESCON has been notified that the bargaining efforts for the renewal of the Drywall, House Framing, Residential Tile* and Trim collective agreements were unsuccessful, resulting in votes to strike.

Under labour legislation, the unions representing workers in the above noted agreements are entitled to engage in lawful strike activities.

Upon receiving notice, RESCON advised members that labour disputes are inherently unpredictable and lend themselves to rumours and misinformation. Residential construction builders, stakeholders and homeowners must keep this in mind to ensure the information they receive is accurate.

At this time, it is impossible to know the potential duration and/or breadth of the labour disruptions. However, it is important to remember that the labour legislation which governs residential construction in the GTA mandates a return-to-work date no later than June 15th.

“Labour disruptions are undesirable for everybody involved,” said Richard Lyall, RESCON president. “RESCON had been hopeful that negotiating efforts by employers and the four unionized trades would have resulted in ratified agreements.”

What is RESCON?

RESCON is the Residential Construction Council of Ontario, a unique association that represents new-home and condominium builders on issues which include labour relations, health and safety, WSIB, labour training and apprenticeship, building code reform and technical standards.

If you have any questions about the bargaining process, please call **Richard Lyall** or **Andrew Pariser** at 905-760-7777 or email them at lyall@rescon.com or pariser@rescon.com.



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* Please note there is more than one union and corresponding employer association in the residential tile sector.