



**Getting your dream home built? You may have to wait.  
A strike by the residential framing sector means work on some new  
build homes comes to a halt.**

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"This is serious."

That's what the president of RESCON, a company representing residential builders in the GTA, says about a strike by residential framers.

They are the three or four thousand construction workers, who build the wooden shell of your home.

It's one of the first things that needs to be completed before your home can be built.

The strike started on May 2nd, and Richard Lyall, from RESCON, says it could last up to six weeks.

But he says there is some good news.

"If everything gets settled, then builders should be able to bring homes back on schedule."

Lyall says both sides actually agreed to a new deal, but the membership voted against it.

"The main issue is money." says Lyall.

Lyall says after six weeks, the two sides will head to arbitration, where he feels the matter will be settled quickly.

Because the framing is usually one of the first steps, many homes that have already been framed can continue to be built, with other trades stepping in.

"It takes about two weeks to frame the average house, give or take." admits Lyall.

Homeowners who are worried about the progress of their homes are urged to call their builders and check with their banks for information.