

# Striking framers set to get back to work after reaching deal



## Agreement made before June 15 deadline



## Construction

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A strike by construction workers that has lasted several weeks and was affecting the busy homebuilding season in Mississauga and the GTA has come to an end.

Andrew Pariser, vice-president of the Residential Construction Council of Ontario, told The News that his organization was notified this morning that the 5,000 or so framers represented by the Laborers' International Union of North America Local 183 have ratified a new contract. He couldn't say when exactly they would be back on the job but expected the return to work to be "prompt."

The strike, which began the first week of May, could have lasted until mid-June before the framers would have been required to return to work due to provincial legislation. Any outstanding issues would have been resolved through binding arbitration

RESCON is an association that represents about 250 home and condominium builders in the central Ontario region including some working in Mississauga and Brampton.

Meanwhile, many anxious homebuyers wanted to know what the delay caused by the strike would mean to them and if it will affect their move-in dates.

Pariser said it's difficult to give a blanket answer but did note that the strike was "disruptive" and "definitely delayed" new home construction but it could have been worse if it had lasted the full six weeks.

He added how impactful the strike will be depends on where the projects stood prior to the strike. Homes expected to be completed this month or next will likely be delayed, he said.

However, he added there's a much better chance homes planned to be finished further out this year will be completed on time.

He also suggested people with questions about the strike and possible delays contact the company building their homes for more information.

Meanwhile, Pariser said it's his understanding a strike by Local 183's members working in the marble and tile sector is still ongoing and that workers rejected a contract offer last week.

Calls to Local 183 representatives seeking comment have not been returned.

Meanwhile, representatives of the Residential Low-Rise Trim Division of Carpenters and Allied Workers Local 27 and the residential division of Drywall Acoustic Lathing and Insulation Local 675 of the Carpenters' District Council of Ontario said strikes by both locals are still ongoing and negotiations are continuing. Local 27's 700 members install trim, doors and other finishings in new homes across the GTA while Local 675's 2,000 members install drywall and interior systems.

The workers have been on strike since early May.