



PRESS RELEASE

The Halifax Employers Association, acting for and on behalf of its members, Steamship Companies and Agents employing labour, Stevedores and Container Terminal Operators handling vessels in the Port of Halifax,

And

The Council of I.L.A. Locals for the Port of Halifax acting for and on behalf of its members, the Halifax Longshoremen's Association, Local 269, the Halifax Freight & Steamship Checkers Union, Local 1341 and the Halifax Gear Repair and Maintenance Men, Local 1825,

Are pleased to announce that they have reached a tentative agreement for renewal of their Collective Agreement. The current Collective Agreement expired on December 31, 2013. The new agreement, pending ratification by the parties, is for a term of four years and will run until December 31, 2017. The details of the tentative agreement shall not be released until the agreement has been ratified.

In keeping with our long tradition of labour stability, the parties worked hard to come to an agreement that would enhance the competitive position of the Port of Halifax by providing increased flexibility for its customers, while addressing the needs of employees. Both the HEA and the Council of ILA bargaining committees are unanimously recommending to their respective parties that the tentative agreement be ratified.

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