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### **City employees vote on last offer**

Unionized City of Campbell River employees have rejected the last offer presented to CUPE Local 401.

During a vote arranged by the provincial Labour Relations Board, 77 per cent of employees of the City of Campbell River belonging to CUPE Local 401 who cast a ballot, voted no to an offer that included wage increases of two per cent in 2014 (retroactive to January 1), 1.5 per cent in 2015, 1.5 per cent in 2016 and two per cent in 2017 (for a total of seven per cent over four years).

*“While we have received strike notice and the union has implemented a ban on overtime work, at this time, we do not have details from the union on whether there will be job action related to this vote,”* says City Manager Andy Laidlaw.

In the event of a strike, the City will focus work efforts on providing essential services such as water, sewer, public safety and emergency response.

*“If a strike occurs, people can expect that facilities would be picketed and some would be closed, with related programs cancelled,”* Laidlaw adds.

The City will continue to provide updates regarding any change in service through news releases and postings on its website.

*“We are sorry for any disruption caused by this labour dispute and look forward to resuming full service as soon as possible,”* Laidlaw concludes.

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