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MEDIATED TALKS BREAK DOWN
Union Cuts Off Mediated Talks After One Day Back at the Table

VICTORIA – After just one day back at the table, mediation talks between BC Ferries and the BC Ferry and Marine Workers’ Union broke down today.

With newly appointed mediator Vince Ready in place, the Union walked away from the jointly agreed upon mediation.

“Having the Union walk out from the mediation efforts by Mr. Ready is most disappointing,” said President and CEO David L. Hahn. “We had viewed the Union’s willingness to come back to the table with Vince Ready as a positive and encouraging step.”

“However, the actions taken by the Union today is not good news going into the holiday season,” Hahn said.

On November 28th, BC Ferries and the BC Ferry and Marine Workers’ Union jointly agreed to seek assistance from independent-mediator Vince Ready.

The British Columbia Labour Relations Board issued an essential services order the same day outlining the service levels to be in place in the event of job action by the BC Ferry and Marine Workers’ Union.

Contract talks between the company and the Union have been ongoing since Sept. 8.

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