

April 22, 2002,

Gord Carter,
Chief Shop Steward,
Loman Warehousing

Dear Gord,

I recently requested some information and have yet to receive a reply. I want you to know that I wrote this letter at the request of several members and I am far from the only person waiting for a reply. I do not see myself as being responsible for chasing down information or getting it to the membership. I believe we have a right to know basic information regarding our representation.

I asked you to forward these concerns to Brooke. Has this been done? What is his reply?

What is being done to expedite these proceedings?

I know you have been busy but I assume the reply is not really yours to give. Therefore it is not you we are waiting to hear from.

From Ivan's May 02, 2001 letter to the membership;

"The responsibility of the union Steward's Committee is to discuss and address all of the various issues raised by the members, to get input and advice about the issues we face, and then bring the information to the whole membership for consideration."

The last line of the letter reads;

"If you wish to discuss these issues further, please contact any member of the Union Steward's Committee for more information."

These statements look good and sound good but sadly do not reflect my experience. This kind of flatulence will not suffice in place of answers and discussion.

The recent "You're Out Of Work" letter was really no more than an expression of an opinion rather than facts and the membership has been through enough of this bullshit to know it. It has however generated considerable willingness to participate in fighting this charade. It is the time to inform and direct this energy.

Solidarity will not be achieved by keeping us out of the loop nor do I think it would be wise.

In Solidarity,

Darryl Gehlen