

Sears is into Union Busting in the Lower Mainland

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Taking a cue from the morally-repugnant labour tactics of Vancouver's NPA, Sears has locked out IBEW 213 after they refused a take-it-or-leave-it concession-filled contract without even bringing it to their membership.

Sears has also been involved in impeding unionization in [Belleville](#) in 2006.

I'm sure Sears will [blame it on the strong Canadian dollar](#).

Service Technicians employed by Sears in the lower mainland of BC were locked out on October 1, 2007 because they would not work under a collective agreement that was imposed. Bargaining broke off on September 27 when Sears demanded that the Bargaining Committee either reject or accept the offer right then and there prior to taking it to their members. Sears locked them out On October 1, first thing in the morning and then offered them a chance to come in and work under the company's new agreement. The "agreement" contained many concessions and was inferior to what the employees had previously. These long term employees joined the Union in 1997 because of poor management and a constant chipping away at terms and conditions of employment by Sears. They are represented by IBEW Local 213. They are asking that others do not patronize Sears until this dispute is resolved regardless of where they live in Canada.

We are asking all of our members to show support for these workers who are fighting for dignity and respect by not doing any business with this unfair employer. If you would like to express your opinion to Sears management, call: 1-800-973-7579 (Sears President's Line) or 1-800-469-4663.

Thank you for not shopping at Sears until this dispute is resolved.