



MVT Canadian Bus, Inc.

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MVT disappointed by HandyDART employees rejection of comprehensive final offer in tough economic times

VANCOUVER, BC - MVT Canadian Bus, the provider of HandyDART services in metro Vancouver, announced tonight that local 1724 of the Amalgamated Transit Union has rejected the company's final offer.

"MVT is disappointed by the rejection of this comprehensive offer. We will return to the negotiating table when the ATU presents a full and complete counter-offer in writing," said John Siragusa, Vice President of Operations.

"We apologize to all of our customers and regret any inconvenience this labour dispute has caused," said Siragusa. "We know this is difficult for our customers and their families and we ask for their patience and understanding during this tough time. We hope for a resolution in this dispute soon."

The offer included:

- An increase in wages;
- Honours seniority from prior employment with HandyDART
- Vacation pay for up to 35 days
- A full and comprehensive benefits package including significant RRSP contributions; and
- 7.5 guaranteed hours per shift for full time employees.

MVT's HandyDART service provides transportation to customers who are unable to use public transit without assistance, including many seniors, the seriously ill and persons with cognitive or physical disabilities. HandyDART is the only means of transportation for many of its customers.

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