



Meanwhile the hotel has obtained a court order banning picketers from using sirens, drums, air horns, whistles, noise makers, speakers and megaphones, and playing pre-recorded music or messages louder than 75 decibels, measured six metres from the source, effectively banning their use.

The union web site states “Hotel Georgia ON STRIKE! We will continue to picket from morning to evening, through the rain and cold, until all our members get the contract they deserve! When you pick a fight with the union you pick a fight with all its members. [...] We will be here until there’s a contract won here as well.”

Local 40 president Zailda Chan stated “I’m very proud. This strike has changed all of us. It’s changed every striker on the picket line. It tells the hotel: don’t underestimate us.”

Renewal Update visited the picket line at the Hotel Georgia on October 16, and spoke with hotel workers, including those from the other hotels who have augmented the line. One picketer told RU that while he is happy with the tentative agreement and wants to return to work, he is not going to abandon his fellow workers.

As a result of the court order severely limiting picketing activities only token picketing was taking place in front of the hotel on Georgia Street, but around the side under shelter from heavy rains, a long line of pickets and tables were in place. Drumming continued in defiance of the injunction but not as loud as before. When copies of RU No. 31 were presented to the picket captain she proudly pointed to her picture on the front cover, shouting slogans through a bull horn.

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