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**APAS welcomes a tentative settlement of the CN labour dispute and calls for an updated winter shipping plan.**

The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan welcomes the announcement of a tentative agreement to settle the CN labour dispute and is calling for the railway to update its winter shipping plans for grain shipments.

“The one-week strike has threatened the remainder of our shipping season,” APAS President Todd Lewis explained. “This is crunch time for our cash flow and producers need to move grain to get paid. We need to know how CN plans to make up the shipping shortfall. We can’t afford to have this problem drag on all winter and spring.”

“The Canada Transportation Act requires the two major railways to file winter shipping plans with the federal Minister of Transport. Our hope is that Minister Garneau will be asking for an immediate update from the railway with a solid plan,” Lewis concluded.

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**Background:** APAS is Saskatchewan’s general farm organization, created to provide farmers and ranchers with a democratically elected, grassroots, non-partisan, producer-run organization based on rural municipal boundaries. As the united voice of thousands of agricultural producers and ranchers in Saskatchewan, APAS strives to represent the views of a wide variety of agricultural stakeholders in order to form policies that can benefit all sectors of society. APAS is a member of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture.