



## Vacation / Bids / Streamline

Now that the kids are back to school and summer is winding down it is time to think about vacation for next year. The deadline for the Vacation Purchase and General Holidays Option is a week away. If you wish to participate or you no longer wish to bid the 3 additional weeks with the earned vacation, there is a week left in which to action your wish. There is nothing your Union can do, should you miss the September 15 deadline.

The second most important part of our work life is also fast approaching – yes, shift bid. The company still has not formally presented their budget for the winter bid. This basically dictates the staffing requirements and by extension, the number of lines available to bid. In general, the winter bid has fewer lines than the summer bid because the company has less flying in the winter. There is also less capacity for the transborder market as well.

Your Cycling Committee then takes the shifts that the Company has created and cycles the days off. YVR has the highest percentage of 4/3 in the system along with YEG averaging about 3x what they have in YYZ. Conversely our 5/3 is about half of what YYZ allows. The tentative dates for Cycling currently is the latter half of next week with a posting date 5 days later. If all goes according to plan, the bid will start on Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> with implementation just before Halloween. The Committee members will remain anonymous unless they themselves wish to come forward. This is so they can concentrate on the task and not be bothered by personal requests.

Finally, I have heard anecdotal examples of how Streamline has been short changing breaks and lunches of members. Sometimes it's because of a creeping delay which causes them but a simple phone call to remind them should suffice but if not, send me pictures. Remember, I can't do anything without proof.

In solidarity,

Eric

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