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**LEATHERTOWN FESTIVAL:** Barry Hamilton of Acton puts a polish on his 1958 Edsel at the Acton Leathertown Festival. Hamilton even has a miniature diecast replica of his car and travels to local car shows to show it off.

Photo by Ray Lavender

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## Postal union may have to call strike action

By Roger Belgrave  
Metroland Media Group

If contract talks do not improve soon, Canada's postal workers might feel compelled to call a strike before their legal window closes next week.

That threat of shutting down Canada's postal service was the hammer the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) hoped

could be used to nail down a collective agreement with Canada Post.

But so far, negotiators for the Crown corporation and union have made very little headway.

The two sides resumed intensive negotiations last month under the understanding Canada Post would not lock out workers and the union would not stage a strike during these ongoing talks.

However, Canada Post and

CUPW appear unable to surmount negotiation obstacles that have prevented reaching agreement for more than eight months now.

Progress at the bargaining table has been glacial, according to CUPW National President Mike Palecek.

They haven't been bargaining as if they want to settle, remarked Palecek, who added Canada Post has refused to budge on any of the

major cuts or issues under discussion.

Under the Canada Labour Code, the union has 60 days to exercise its right to strike after getting that mandate last June in a vote by its members.

CUPW's 60-day window to launch a full work stoppage or any other limited strike action ends Aug. 25.

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