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Anyone interested in the different struggles facing the labour movement in Canada and also worldwide should click the link below.



Labour Start organizes campaigns to support workers in labour struggles. You can sign up to get email updates on new and ongoing campaigns. For example:

7 women have been on a picket line at Cdn Blood Services in Charlottetown since last September. The issue: predictable scheduling that would provide benefits and a family life that works.

These determined folks need us all to do 2 things. Send a solidarity message (go [HERE](#) to do that). A few bucks from you or your union for their hardship fund would be welcome too. For where to send a cheque go [HERE](#).

In solidarity

Bob Dhaliwal

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Canadian Labour Congress

Congrès du travail du Canada

Trudeau government must put an end to Canada Post's pension attack

Canada Post Corporation is set to lock out 50,000 postal workers and jeopardize

mail service across Canada as early as this Friday. In spite of long-standing profitability, Canada Post is proposing steep concessions that would entrench unfair wages and undermine pensions for future generations.

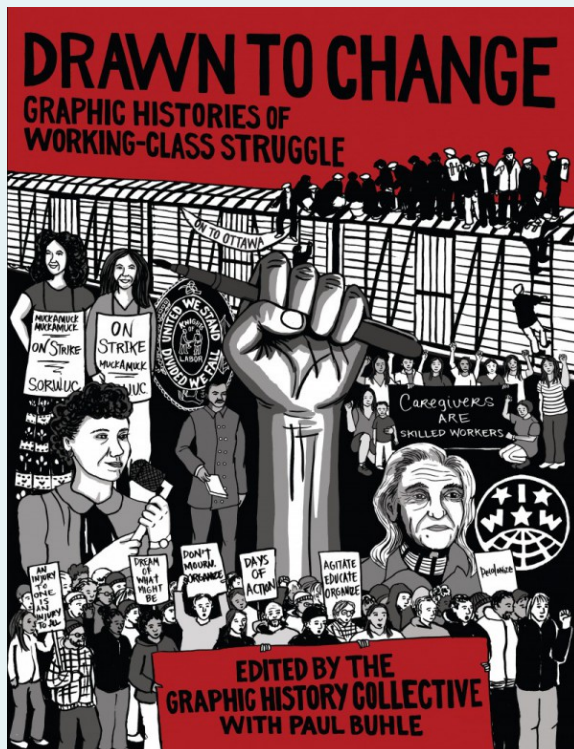
The Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) responded by calling on the Trudeau government to rein in the Crown corporation. CLC President Hassan Yussuff called out Canada Post's pension stance as inconsistent with the federal government's stated commitment to improving retirement security, particularly for future generations.

"This government was elected on a commitment to support good jobs and help Canadians afford retirement. Canada Post's attack on its workers' pensions is completely out of step with that standard," said Yussuff.

"Prime Minister Trudeau and Public Services Minister Judy Foote cannot stand on the sidelines - they need to tell Canada Post that its attack on pensions is unacceptable," Yussuff added.

"At a time when Canada Post is reporting consistent profits, they are peddling a myth that they are struggling financially, in order to slash pensions for new employees and justify unfair wages," Yussuff added. "Indeed, no other Crown corporation is threatening to introduce a two-tier pension that would put future workers' retirement security at risk."

The Canadian Labour Congress is calling on the Trudeau government to ensure Canada Post negotiates a fair deal that does not compromise pensions for future generations.



Anyone interested in labour history should check out **Drawn to Change**.

Canadian labour history and working-class struggles are brought to life in this anthology of nine short comics, each one accompanied by an informative preface.

Each comic showcases the inspiring efforts and determination of working people who banded together with others to fight to change the world.

The history of working-class struggle is a fascinating story of conflict and coercion, of resistance and triumph. It has the drama of defeat mixed with the thrill of victory, though not always in equal measure. But, working-class history is not just interesting and exciting; it also contains important lessons for labour and social justice activists today. Illustrate! Educate! Organize!

Click on the picture to be redirected to the site where the book can be purchased.

FIGHT FOR \$15 Minimum Wage

It is time to increase the minimum wage and address income inequality in BC.



At \$10.25/hr BC's minimum wage is one of the lowest in Canada. As the cost of living continues to go up, workers earning minimum wage cannot make ends meet.

BC's minimum wage leaves full-time workers living below the poverty line.

The BC Federation of Labour believes that work should lift you out of poverty. It's time for the BC government to increase the minimum wage so that nobody is left behind.

Help us fight for \$15/hr. It's only fair!

[Click the image below to visit the Fight For \\$15 website.](#)



Western Transportation Advisory Council



WESTAC is a non-profit society of major transportation organizations in Western Canada represented by business, labour, and government decision-makers. The ILWU is a founding member and holds two positions on the Executive Board, one is ILWU Canada President Rob Ashton and the other through the ILWU Affiliate in Saskatchewan the Grain Services Union General Secretary Hugh Wagner.

[Click here for the weekly information package we receive from Westac, with links to many interesting articles that relate to transportation.](#)

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Bulk Products

Forestry is in need

Economics and Trade

Canada should be a nation free of barriers; Our country can live up to its promise by updating internal trade deal, writes Ken Kobly - Edmonton Journal

Preparing Canada for a New Trade and Technology Era - Morningstar.com

Energy

Petronas LNG decision a watershed moment; It's time for PM to side with science and reject fossil fuels

Infrastructure

Canada's pension funds eye greenfield federal infrastructure investments -

Bridging global infrastructure gaps - McKinsey & Company

Innovation & Technology

Could self-driving cars stall sustainable transportation? - GreenBiz.com

Driverless fever is everywhere - except in one industry - St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Marine

West Coast dockworkers will honor "Hour of silence" on Thursday, July 7th -

Longshore & Shipping News

Opposition to Gabriola freighter anchorages heats up - Business in Vancouver

Container Weighing Rule Off to Smooth Start - Wall Street Journal

Rail

Railway offers customer safety training - Canadian Sailings

Workforce

Canada playing catch-up on recession job losses; Performance slightly better than U.S., not as good as U.K. report says - Ottawa Citizen

Waterfront News

Reminder

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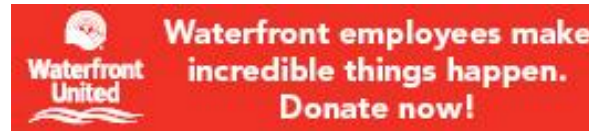
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