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# ILWU Canada Waterfront eNews

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Oct 17th, 2016

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Around the Lower Mainland, you will see the red banners of the United Way flying. The ILWU along with many of the employers and other waterfront unions have been running a join campaign to support United Way sponsored charities.

This campaign is called **Waterfront United**. We will be running a series of events to raise money for charities that work in our communities helping children and their families to move from poverty to possibility. I have included a list of events that will occur over the coming weeks.

I have personally been involved in this campaign for the last 3 years and have had a chance to visit some of the great organizations doing amazing work in our neighbourhoods. Without money raised through the United Way many of these worthy organizations could not function. You can donate though your payroll by picking up a form at one of the events or via the website. [click here](#)

Be sure to click that it is part of a workplace campaign. Donations are tax deductible.

Thank you

Also in this issue:

- 1) The Young Workers [Video Contest](#)  
(deadline Oct 31, 2016). For details click [here](#)
- 2) Latest industry articles put together by [Westac](#)
- 3) The Fight for **\$15** continues. Take a few moments to sign the petition on the Fight for \$15 webpage. Over 400,000 people have signed up already!
- 4) The BC Fed has a new video in the fight of **\$15** [click here](#) and Quebec workers protest to ask for \$15.
- 5) Time to stop TiSA negotiations

**In solidarity**

**Bob Dhaliwal**

**Secretary Treasurer**

**ILWU Canada**



**1. Kinder Morgan Canada Terminals**

Mon, October 17th - Kick Off Lunch 12pm to 1pm (Impact Speaker: Francois Charette)

Friday, October 28th - Wrap Up 11:30am to 1:00pm (Mascot)

**2. Neptune Bulk Terminals**

Kick off October 18th - 8pm - 9pm and October 19th 12pm - 1pm BBQ Smoke and Bones (Impact Speaker: Jennifer Buckingham)

**3. Port of Vancouver**

October 27th - Town Hall Meeting 10am - 11am with thank you from Brenda Aynsley

**4. Richardson Terminals**

Lunch-time event with an Impact Speaker - details still TBC

**5. Seaspan**

Kickoff event and lunch - October 18th Town Hall (Impact speaker: Jennifer Buckingham) 11:15 - 11:30am; BBQ from 11:30 - 12:30pm. Volunteers + mascot attending.

**6. Viterra**

Pulled Pork Sandwich, Caesar Salad, Cole Slaw & Pop - \$10

Thursday, October 20th 11am to 12pm - Cascadia Location Lunch Event #3.

Friday, October 21st 11am to 12pm - Pacific Location Lunch Event #3.

**7. Western Stevedoring**

a) East Gate, 15 Mountain Hwy, North Van on Wednesday, October 19th 10am, 11:15am, and 12:00pm



**Time to stop the talks: TiSA negotiations must be brought to a halt**

Newly released [Wikileaks documents](#) make it clear that the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA) is no more than a corporate power grab and that negotiations must be stopped.

The wide scope of the deregulatory agenda and attack on democratic governance has been exposed. The EU is attempting to wrestle control of every level of governance from the municipal to national levels of partner countries. The leaked documents demonstrate that the EU is demanding other TiSA parties to include and commit to the liberalisation of public services in the trade pact.

"These leaks give a clear indication of the dangerous direction of the TiSA negotiations. The fact that citizens and civil society are still obliged to rely on leaks for getting a sense of the direction of the negotiations is deeply unsatisfactory," said Fred van Leeuwen, General Secretary of Education International (EI).

Delayed since 2013, negotiations to finalise the deal by the end of the year are set to continue Monday, 17 October in Washington, D.C. They cannot be allowed to take place.

"The EU position ignores the potential danger of exporting aggressive privatisation policies to the developing world, which have already been shown to be the cause of social and political instability in many EU countries," said Public Services International (PSI) General Secretary Rosa Pavanelli.

The European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU)'s General Secretary Jan Willem Goudriaan stated that "We strongly oppose the EU's demand for market access in public services. Competition in these services undermines the build-up of quality public services in developing countries. The EU should not kick away the ladder to development."

Oliver Roethig, Regional Secretary UNI Europa agrees and adds, "European politicians know too well that public services that all citizens' have a universal right to is core to the development of sustainable economies. We cannot deny others, what we have relied on, and enjoyed ourselves."

"It's time to halt the negotiations, publish the secret texts and ensure the widest possible public debate to expose the full extent of the threat these treaties pose to democracy and the labour movement," said International Union of Food workers (IUF) General Secretary Ron Oswald.

"The EU proposals only multiply the concerns the ITF has already voiced on the undermining of global standards and of decreased safety oversight, as well as over the loss of national control" said the International Transport Workers' Federation (ITF)'s General Secretary Stephen Cotton.

In pointing out the EU's contradictory position to defend the European Social Model, UNI Global Union General Secretary Philip Jennings said that "The EU's privatisation demands undermine other countries' right to build sound public services, a stable financial system and local democracy. Not only is this unacceptable, it is hypocritical."

Together, EI, PSI, EPSU, IUF, ITF and UNI call on all countries participating in the negotiations to immediately publish information about their position and demands on other countries, including the US, Japan, Turkey, Australia and New Zealand, and begin national consultations with social partners and civil society.

TiSA negotiations must be brought to a halt. It is therefore urgent that you contact your government and demand both that it does not trade away your country's sovereign, democratic rights, or rob the rights of other countries.

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**'We shouldn't work for peanuts';**

## **Quebec workers hit streets, call for \$15 minimum wage**

Morgan Lowrie The Canadian Press

MONTREAL

MONTREAL—Even working 40 hours a week, Sara Vassigh says she sometimes has trouble paying her rent and bills at the end of the month. With a salary just above minimum wage, she says home ownership, saving for retirement and starting a family are distant dreams. "Not having a high income means I can't have more in life, because I wouldn't be able to support a family," the 34-year old community service worker said. Vassigh was one of several hundred Quebecers who marched in Montreal on Saturday to press for a \$15-an-hour minimum wage. With signs reading "we shouldn't work for peanuts," many said Quebec's current minimum wage of \$10.75 an hour isn't enough for a person to live on.

(Raising the minimum wage) is fundamental to being able to improve our quality of life," said Dany Harvey, a unionized janitorial employee. After working at minimum wage for years, he now earns close to \$15 an hour, which he says makes a difference even if it still "isn't a lot." "The difference is just being able to pay bills and do a few activities and get out of the pattern of living from month to month," he said. Saturday's event was the culmination of a summer-long campaign led by a coalition of unions, anti-poverty activists and students.

[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.

September 30, 2016

## Bulk Products

1 result

### [Canada And China Reach A Deal On Canola Trade](#)

[Permalink](#)

September 24th, 2016

the exception of lentils and chickpeas. Provincially,... Ground Transportation A Key Focus Grain transportation was the focus of a roundtable discussion with Federal Agriculture Mini...

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## Economy/Trade

1 result

### [Northern exposure: Manitoba's northern economy facing serious challenges](#)

September 29th, 2016

It's a long drive, twisting through seemingly endless forest, past lakes... far north as you can drive in Manitoba on an all-weather road. It's also long... kilometres off the Trans-Canada Highway and generally out of sight. Manitoba's

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## Energy

2 results

### [Petronas weighs sale to exit \\$27-billion B.C. LNG project: sources - The Globe and Mail](#)

[Permalink](#)

September 30th, 2016

Malaysian state oil firm Petroliam Nasional Bhd is considering selling its majority stake in a \$27-billion Canadian liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant, three people familiar with the matter said this week.

### [The challenges facing new LNG project: The plan requires infrastructure to transport gas from B.C. Interior to a ...](#)

September 29th, 2016

on Lelu Island near Prince Rupert in northwestern British Columbia. The site... B.C. gas will displace the use of coal for electricity in Asia and thus... shale formations in northeastern British Columbia that will supply the LNG

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## Environment

1 result

### [LNG project approval is environmentally sound](#)

September 29th, 2016

4.3 million tonnes of equivalent carbon emissions per year. That's in... addition to B.C.'s revenue-neutral carbon tax and the fact the federal government..., but there are others factors to consider. The first is that Canada makes

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## Innovation & Technology

2 results

### **Fuel cells set to power up the drone industry**

September 25th, 2016

, fuel-cell-powered drones. New technologies converge "We've got two new technologies that are converging at an exponential pace," says Jones. "It's exciting to be involved with ? optimizing them together and riding this wave of technology development

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### **Gm looking to the future**

September 27th, 2016

Canadian automotive innovation ecosystem. We believe Canada has the talent and...The automotive industry is changing rapidly and Canada has a role to play in... ride-hailing. We're also investing in strategic partnerships with companies

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## Marine

3 results

### **World Maritime Day: Shipping indispensable to the world, and Vancouver I Vancouver Sun**

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September 28th, 2016

Happy World Maritime Day! Around the world and across the seas, ports, shipping companies and more than a million seafarers on 50,000-plus merchant ships will be celebrating seaborne trade Thursday on World Maritime Day. Canadians, and especially British Columbians, should take note, too. The ships we see anchored off Vancouver's English Bay ...

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### **Global Container Volume on Track for Worst Year Since 2009 - WSJ**

[\*Permalink\*](#)

September 27th, 2016

Flat growth in the beleaguered shipping industry could set off further bankruptcies and possible acquisitions

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### **Financial impact of Hanjin collapse downplayed in B.C. | Transportation | Business in Vancouver**

[\*Permalink\*](#)

September 26th, 2016

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## Rail

2 results

### **Groups stress need to keep rail access open**

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September 29th, 2016

t much, grain representatives told the federal standing committee on transportation last week. ... Cereals

Canada, the Grain Gr...e Canadian Federation of Agriculture all said the 160-kilometre radius implemented.....owers of Canada and th...

## Could a Railway Influence a Super Port Location?

[Permalink](#)

September 26th, 2016

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## Transportation General

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### Remarks for The Honourable Marc Garneau Minister of Transport for the News Conference After the Meeting of the Council of Ministers ...

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September 29th, 2016

d time with the provincial and territorial ministers responsible for transportation and highway safety. We talked about ...the great importance of modernizing our transportation systems to meet the challenges of the 21 st century and.....

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## Trucking

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### Driverless trucks: Where they'll work, where they won't

[Permalink](#)

September 29th, 2016

hen predicting adoption rates for autonomous vehicle (AV) technology in the freight business... is that trucking is not a "homogenous" industry, stressed Richard "Dick" Metzler, chief mar...

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## **FIGHT FOR \$15 Minimum Wage**

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



**At \$10.45/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!**



**Sign the petition!**

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

# FIGHT FOR 15

## **Waterfront News**

### **Reminder**

The Waterfront News is the newsletter produced by ILWU Canada and mailed to members several times per year. The Dispatcher is the newsletter produced by our International Union and is also mailed to members several times per year. ILWU Canada keeps an address database for both of these, but we only receive addresses from the Locals or the Members directly.



**[Copies of past editions of the Waterfront News are available here:](#)**

**[Copies of past editions of the Dispatcher are available here:](#)**

If you are a Member of the ILWU in Canada, or on the A or B boards in any of the Longshore Locals you are entitled to receive one or both of these. If you are not receiving it now you should contact your Local to make sure they have your current address.

You can also send us an e-mail at [communicate@ilwu.ca](mailto:communicate@ilwu.ca) or phone us at 604-254-8141 to update us.







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