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## ILWU Canada **Waterfront eNews**

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Oct 26th, 2016

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

On Thursday, November 3, 10:30 am there will be a rally to demonstrate against CETA, the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement between Canada and the European Union. There are provision in this agreement that will destroy cabotage, opening our waterways to foreign flagged and crewed vessels. It has the potential to destroy the maritime industry in Canada. Join us downtown at Canada Place where we will march to the offices of Transport Canada to voice our displeasure. Buses will be scheduled to pick up people from the Maritime Labour Centre and the 502 Union Hall. Talk to your local about pickup and drop off times. Canada Place is close to the Waterfront Station of the Expo Line for those who prefer transit.

Also in this issue:

- 1) Rally Poster and Information regarding why CETA is bad for Canada and the ILWU
- 2) Second week of the United Way Waterfront United campaign
- 3) TiSA is another trade agreement on the horizon that will negative affect unions and public services.
- 4) Norway to set up an area to test autonomous ships
- 5) Young workers turn their backs on Trudeau.
- 6) The Young Workers [Video Contest](#) (deadline Oct 31, 2016). For details click [here](#)
- 7) Latest industry articles put together by [Westac](#)
- 8) 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!
- 9) Port of Vancouver will be having a speakers series event Oct 27th at their Delta Community Office in Ladner about marine spill response. For details click [here](#).

**In solidarity**

**Bob Dhaliwal**

**Secretary Treasurer**

**ILWU Canada**

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# ILWU CANADA

## Day of Action

### Water Safety Notice

Due to an oil spill from a cargo ship in English Bay it is recommended that people and pets temporarily avoid going in the water.

Clean up will be coordinated by Federal Coast Guard officials and their contractors.

Please also refrain from attempting to clean up the spill as it can cause further impact.

Call 3-1-1 to report any concerns or observations as we continue to manage this unfortunate incident.



### Supporting Canadian Jobs and the Environment.

ILWU Canada in conjunction with ILWU Marine Section Local 400 is marching with the support of the International Transport Workers Federation (ITF) to illustrate the importance of domestic transportation (Cabotage) to Canadians, the economy and the protection of our environment.

**Nov. 3, 2016**

**Start: Canada Place at the Info Kiosk**

**Start Time: 10:30 am**

**Finish: Transport Canada Office at 800 Burrard Street**





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## The BULLETIN

### Day of Action – November 3, 2016

October 25, 2016

#### Stand Up Brothers and Sisters!

As you all know Canada is attempting to sign onto the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA). This is only the beginning of the attacks on Canadian workers and Canadian sovereignty through "Free Trade Agreements".

Why is CETA such a bad deal for the ILWU and Canada? CETA will effectively destroy our cabotage laws which protects Canadian shipping companies and Canadian seafarers from foreign vessels trading within Canadian waters. CETA will allow foreign vessels to enter our waters and take over coastal trade within Canada using foreign crews whom they pay as little \$3 - \$4 per hour. The safety standards for these vessels are substandard putting our coastlines in jeopardy and displacing our Canadian seafarers costing our country thousands of jobs. The environmental stewardship of our coasts will be forgotten; our waterways will be sailed by corporations who have no consideration for the environment and our tug boats will be manned by foreign crews who are unfamiliar with our coast nor care about our coast as much as we do.

Under CETA and all future trade agreements there is a clause written in the "Investor State Dispute Settlement" system, commonly known as ISDS. Under this program, if a government tries to change their laws or regulations to better run their country, a corporation that is affected by the change has the ability to sue the government thus taking away our rights to govern our own country, and could very well leave rulings in the hands of global corporations and a global court system.

CETA, Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) and Trade in Services Agreement (TISA) are the most recent forms of free trade agreements that have hit the news involving Canada, and every one of those deals is unfavourable to workers in Canada. Each allowing many, many freedoms under the guise of moving goods in and out of our country. The question remains should we trade at any cost? Should we enter trade deals that attack an industry of Canadian workers? How will we keep Canadian jobs for Canadian workers? Do we have to go to the lowest wage so corporations can make maximum profits? This is the only reason behind global trade deals.

ILWU Canada and Local 400 are hosting a rally against CETA and other global trade deals that will destroy Canadian workers' livelihoods. We are protecting our way of life and we intend to hold our governments accountable on "real change" as they promised, rather than the same old way of life under the past Harper government.

The ILWU is under attack, if we do not rally together to protect our seafarers it is only a matter of time until they come after the rest of us!

On behalf of your ILWU Canada Officers  
Rob Ashton  
President

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#### 1. Kinder Morgan Canada Terminals

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

#### 3. Port of Vancouver

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



# MEDIA RELEASE

News from the International Transport Workers' Federation

## ITF and ETF say stop TISA

**Friday, October 14, 2016, for immediate release**

As new secret documents are leaked, [see https://wikileaks.org/tisa/](https://wikileaks.org/tisa/) the International Transport Workers' Federation and the European Transport Workers' Federation have joined other global union organisations in blasting the EU for pushing other governments to privatise and deregulate as part of negotiations for the Trade in Services Agreement (TISA).

Unions and civil society have been campaigning on TTIP, CETA and TPP. TISA affects many more countries; 23 governments are involved as well as the EU and it covers a very broad range of services (including energy, health, education, financial services, e-commerce, postal and transport). Today's leak impacts on: Chile, Taiwan, Colombia, Costa Rica, Hong Kong, Israel, Japan, Korea, Mauritius, Mexico, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Switzerland, Turkey and the United States.

The leak contains market access requests from the EU negotiators to other countries to liberalise - "improve their offer" if they want to go forward with TISA. The negotiations timetable is tight, with observers commenting that there appears to be a serious effort by negotiators to conclude the negotiations by the end of this year.

The ITF has already voiced serious concerns about TISA opening up maritime cabotage. In addition to the liberalisation of shipping, this leak exposes just how much pressure the EU negotiators are exerting on port and airport services. Each of the governments involved is being asked by the EU to open up more than they'd already offered. Cargo handling, storage and warehousing, maintenance and repair of aircraft and aircraft operation would all be up for grabs by global corporates.

- For example, Hong Kong is asked to open up maritime auxiliary services - cargo handling, storage and warehousing, freight agency and freight forwarding, pre-shipment inspection, customs clearance, container stations etc. Their opening up to suppliers from all other TISA countries could have negative implications for the country's port workers' conditions, as well as for safety and security oversight.
- In another example, Mauritius is asked fully to open maintenance and repair of aircraft and ground-handling and airport operations to companies from other TISA countries. This would, presumably prevent Mauritius from developing any infant industries in the subsector, because any Mauritian company would immediately face competition from big companies from other TISA countries.
- Costa Rica provides an additional example. Here the EU has asked the government to remove its national treatment and market access reservations on local level measures, appearing to mean that privatised local government services, including public transport services, could not be taken back under local control.

The ITF has already highlighted its concerns that the proposed TISA undermines existing regulation in the global transport industry.

"These EU demands 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 ITF General Secretary Stephen Cotton.

"TISA is being negotiated behind closed doors, whilst we, the real stakeholders, are working with only pieces of the jigsaw. This is shameful. The ITF stands with other global unions in demanding that the talks stop now. They cannot continue until the negotiating parties make public their own positions as well their demands on other countries - and then hold proper consultations with workers, citizens and their representatives," stated ITF President Paddy Crumlin

"It is outrageous that the European Union is not only failing in its duty of democracy and social partnership - it also appears to be exporting an extreme model to other countries. It is pursuing a level of market access that will benefit multinationals, not people," added European Transport Workers' Federation General Secretary Eduardo Chagas.

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## World's first official test bed for autonomous shipping opens in Norway

Monday, October 17, 2016

**An extensive area of the Trondheimsfjord in Northern Norway was designated as an official test bed for autonomous shipping by the Norwegian Coastal Authority (NCA), during a special event in Trondheim, Norway on Friday 30th September 2016.**

As potentially the first coastal area in the world officially dedicated to the development of technology for autonomous ships, the new test bed is set to become a vital facility for the future of shipping. Norwegian maritime technology company KONGSBERG has been integral to the opening of the test bed and will become a major user in order to continue its development of sensors, software and systems that enable more autonomy for ships.

Announced in March as a follow-up to the Norwegian government's new National Transport Plan, the fjord offshore Trondheim is an ideal location for the development of technology that will make autonomous shipping a reality. The area experiences light vessel traffic, making it a safe place to conduct autonomous vehicle trials. It is also home to high levels of maritime competence through an extensive maritime technology cluster and several major academic and research organisations. The initiative was established by the Norwegian Marine Technology Research Institute (MARINTEK), the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), the Trondheim Port Authority, KONGSBERG and Maritime Robotics. Other stakeholders include the Ocean Space Centre, and NTNU's Center for Autonomous Operations and Services (AMOS).

'As far as we know, there are no such test sites of this kind in the world so the Norwegian Coastal Authorities are taking the lead in a changing maritime world,' said Gard Ueland, President, Kongsberg Seatex. 'We are seeing how autonomy is coming into vehicles on land. I believe we will see some massive changes in the future leading to smart ships that will make maritime transport safer and more efficient. We will also see technology that has the potential to enable fully autonomous cargo vessels. Much of this will come from Trondheim, thanks to the unmatched maritime expertise here and our autonomous vehicles test bed.'

KONGSBERG has played an important role in the Trondheimsfjord test bed, having already demonstrated the suitability of the area for autonomous technology trials. The company's Trondheim-based subsidiary Kongsberg Seatex tested various new autonomous technology solutions in Trondheimsfjord this June, together with the NTNU and the Norwegian Defense Research Establishment.

Furthermore, the AUTOSEA project with focus on automated situational awareness will use Trondheimsfjord as a test site when utilising sensor fusion to reduce the risk of collisions between ships and vehicles, when increased level of autonomy is introduced. In order to improve detection capabilities also on small objects and improved coverage of the close-range sector, the AUTOSEA project will, in addition to conventional maritime radar, include sensor types not normally used for such purposes in the maritime sector, such as cameras, infrared and LIDAR.

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## ***Youth turn their backs on Trudeau at forum; PM offers harsh words after being greeted by heckles, jeers from young delegates***

Terry Pedwell The Canadian Press

OTTAWA

Dozens of delegates at a youth labour forum turned their backs Tuesday on Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, using body language to express their frustrations with everything from global warming to so-called precarious work.

As Trudeau began taking questions from two of the forum's hosts, some delegates began to heckle and jeer while several rows of young people turned to face the back of the room, prompting harsh words from the prime minister himself.

Their actions sent the wrong signal to the other young people in the room, Trudeau told his detractors. "It is a little bit frustrating for me to come in, sit down, look forward to hearing from you, talking with you, and seeing a room full of people who are standing in a way that shows they're not listening," he said. "And I think it reflects poorly on everyone who does want to listen and engage."

While Trudeau was applauded and cheered by some for defending himself, several delegates shouted back, calling the PM a "hypocrite" and holding signs reading "Keep the Promise." Many young people at Tuesday's forum, which was organized by the Canadian Labour Congress, voiced frustration about their employment prospects and booed as Trudeau also suggested that precarious work - including jobs with no pensions - is a fact of life.

"It's simply unacceptable when the minister of finance is saying young people need to get used to precarity, young people need to get used to not having the same opportunity as other generations have had," said Briana Broderick, a youth delegate representing the United Steel Workers union at the forum. "This concept that we won't have as much as other generations had, that's really frustrating people."



The youth unemployment rate in Canada is almost twice the national average and has been since last year's election campaign, when the Liberals promised to create 125,000 jobs annually for young people by spending \$1.5 billion over four years on a youth employment strategy.

Employment numbers for August showed the youth jobless rate was little changed from a year ago at 13.2 per cent.

## 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.

### Bulk Products

3 results

#### [Bumper crop brings price of lentils down](#)

October 21st, 2016

stocks with extremely strong Indian demand," said Murad Al-Katib, chief executive of Saskatchewan-based AGT Food and... grain this year after timely monsoon rain encouraged farmers to plant rice, corn and pulses across a wider area. In the

#### [Farmers feel federal transport minister heard concerns over grain transportation](#)

October 20th, 2016

remain competitive in domestic and international markets. Canadian Pacific Railway (TSX:CP) and Canadian National (TSX:CNR) say they are ready to do the job.... release that the government knows a strong rail supply chain is essential so that Canadian producers and shippers can

#### [What's Behind the Glut in Agricultural Commodities - WSJ](#)

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October 16th, 2016

Harvests are under way of what are projected to be the largest corn and soybean crops in U.S. history, which soon will hit a global market already sitting on the largest-ever grain stockpiles.

## Economy/Trade

4 results

### [Canadian exports hurting as nationalism hampers global trade; The outbreak of ugly nationalism is bad for trade and it bodes ...](#)

October 20th, 2016

just scuppered a free-trade agreement between Canada and Europe. It's not... Governor Stephen Poloz, when he delivered a gloomy prognosis for the Canadian....-canada/article32437502/), which is being stymied by poor export performance

### [Canadian executives express cautious support for boosting economy; Business leaders call for greater consultation over how to ...](#)

October 21st, 2016

Canadian executives across a wide range of industries broadly support a new... investment in Canada, but it needs to be focused on areas where there is economic... of the construction market in Alberta is so massive, that no amount of

### [Oil hits 15-month high as Saudis say deal may extend to non-OPEC nations - Business - CBC News](#)

[Permalink](#)

October 19th, 2016

The benchmark North American oil price gained more than three per cent to near \$52 US a barrel on Wednesday, as new data showed U.S. crude stockpiles dropped by 5 million barrels last week and the Saudi oil minister hinted that other countries may be willing to join OPEC in cutting production.

### [Philip Cross: It's Canada vs. the protectionists in the new world trade wars | Financial Post](#)

[Permalink](#)

October 18th, 2016

As a trading nation, Canada has much to lose if protectionism - clearly on the rise in the U.S. and Europe - gains more ground.

## Energy

1 result

### [Pipeline bottleneck looms, even with Trans Mountain](#)

October 21st, 2016

loomed over the Canadian energy sector for years, as fierce opposition to... Gateway and Trans-CanadaCorp.'s Keystone XL. Those projects have either been... million barrels per day from oilfields in Alberta and Saskatchewan to New

## Environment

2 results

### [Small oil spill near Bella Bella highlights response deficiencies](#)

October 20th, 2016

resources of British Columbia and respecting the rights of aboriginal peoples to... transport dangerous goods in our territory, and this incident is an unjustified... spills in B.C., as has been promised." "Absolutely devastating news and a true

## **Wall outlines Saskatchewan Plan for Climate Change**

October 20th, 2016

from BC, Manitoba and Quebec, and the carbon stored in Canada's vast forests... price slated to roll out in 2018, Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall has been... many industries in the province which rely on global commodity trade prices

## **Innovation & Technology**

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### **World's first official test bed for autonomous shipping opens in Norway**

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## **Marine**

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### **Upswing in St. Lawrence Seaway shipments**

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October 13th, 2016

2016-10-13 Strong movements of North American grain and renewed iron ore export activity in September have spearheaded an upswing in shipping on the St. Lawrence Seaway. From the waterway's opening on March 21 to the end...

## **Rail**

2 results

### **Rail rout could be sending bad signs about the US economy**

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October 21st, 2016

of agricultural products declined in 5 of its 6 business groups, including coal and chemical shipments, down 19 and 1 percent, respectively. "Honestly, if y...

### **CP Railway's profit falls short of estimates; Delayed grain harvest, small crude oil shipments yield mid-single-digit growth**

October 20th, 2016

supply chain and suggested a "score card" to track how the whole system is performing. Chief executive Hunter Harrison said...Canadian Pacific Railway reported a third-quarter profit of \$347 million on Wednesday, topping its result a year ago

## Transportation General

2 results

### [How Caterpillar's Big Bet Backfired - WSJ](#)

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October 17th, 2016

Doug Oberhelman spent his first years as Caterpillar Inc. 's chief executive plowing billions of dollars into factories to build more of its familiar yellow machines and move the company deeper into mining equipment.

### [Fastfrate investing millions into western Canadian expansion - Truck News](#)

[Permalink](#)

October 17th, 2016

WOODBIDGE, Ont. - Consolidated Fastfrate is investing nearly \$20 million to purchase a new \$10 million facility in Edmonton, a \$1.5 million expansion in Winnipeg and \$5.5 million to add 238 intermodal chassis to its container transport operations.

## Trucking

1 result

### [Partnership to offer programs to improve workplace safety](#)

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October 20th, 2016

HAMILTON, Ont. - The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) and Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety (CCOHS) signed a memorandum...understanding to increase awareness for improved workplace safety in the trucking industry. Both organizations.....

## FIGHT FOR \$15 Minimum Wage

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



At \$10.85/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:](#)

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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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