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21st ANNUAL LABOUR COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our annual Labour Christmas Dinner is for those in the community who are less fortunate. They are served a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings, music, carol sing-a-longs, gifts from Santa for every child and teenager, a visit to the boutique, and a food hamper.

Union members volunteer to perform all aspects of the preparation, service, entertainment and clean-up.... *none of this would happen without you!*



We need the following:

- ✓ unwrapped toys & gifts for teenagers
- ✓ non-perishable foods
- ✓ gift cards & passes
- ✓ new and gently used, washed clothing for men, women and children
- ✓ jackets, hats, socks, gloves, toiletries, jewelry

Cash or cheque donations:

Labour Community Christmas Dinner
c/o BC Federation of Labour
200-5118 Joyce Street, Vancouver, BC V5R 4H1

If you have items to donate or can volunteer at the event, contact Marisha Zuckerman at labourxmasdinner@hotmail.ca for pick up of items or call 604-430-1421 or 604-306-4156 (BC Federation of Labour)

Our dinners are held on: December 24, 2015, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**Maritime Labour Centre
1880 Triumph Street**

**Whalley Legion
13525-106th Avenue**

BC FEDERATION OF LABOUR



NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE & ACTION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

It has been more than 25 years since 14 women were murdered at Montreal's École Polytechnique. And yet, women and girls in Canada still face violence in their homes, schools, workplaces, and communities every single day.

For the past two years, the Canadian Labour Congress has been spearheading an initiative to address the impact of domestic violence in the workplace. According to a recent cross-Canada survey conducted by the CLC and researchers at the University of Western Ontario, one in three workers has experienced domestic violence, and this violence follows them to work. Over 80 percent of victims reported that their performance was negatively impacted, and more than half said the abuse occurred at or near their workplaces.

"Domestic violence is a significant issue for Canadian workers, and it affects everyone," said Barbara Byers, CLC Secretary-Treasurer. "Unions can help by negotiating workplace solutions like paid leaves, safety planning and women's advocate programs, by lobbying for improved health and safety legislation, and providing training for stewards and other union representatives."

On December 6, the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, the CLC will launch a new online Domestic Violence Resource Centre.

According to Byers: "Our new resource centre will include tools and strategies for union leaders, representatives and members to help build awareness, break the silence, and improve workplace safety for everyone."

The Canadian Labour Congress is seeking to collaborate with the federal government to improve occupational health and safety regulations by including specific references to domestic violence, and the labour movement will also lobby for better legislation across all Canadian jurisdictions.

The CLC is encouraged by a number of promises made by the federal government in the recent election campaign, including a commitment to develop a National Action Plan on Violence against Women, which the CLC hopes will be guided by the Blueprint developed by labour, women's and anti-violence organizations.¹

"We are looking for swift action on the government's campaign commitments to hold a national public inquiry into the deaths and disappearances of Indigenous women and girls, and to implement a national strategy on violence against women, including investment in shelter and housing," said Byers.

December 6 is a day to remember the lives lost to violence, but it is also a time to take action. Canada's labour movement is working hard to make work safer, and we look forward to working with the new government to help eliminate violence against women and girls.

To find our new resource centre or see the survey results, please visit: domesticviolenceatwork.ca

¹ <http://enhr.wcc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/Blueprint-for-Canada-2015-2019-VIAW.pdf>

THIS DECEMBER 6, WE REMEMBER 14 WOMEN, AND SO MANY OTHERS. AND, WE COMMIT TO ACTION.

Geneviève Bergeron · Hélène Colgan · Nathalie Croteau · Barbara Daigneault · Anne-Marie Edward
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1) National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women - December 6, 2015

December 6th is the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. Please see a statement from Irene Lanzinger, President of the BC Federation of Labour, on the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. [See attached PDF.](#)

2015 marks the 26th anniversary of the 1989 Montreal massacre. Join the 5th Annual Candlelight Vigil to End Violence Against Women. Sunday, December 6th, 4:00pm at Holland Park, Surrey.

More information at: [Events](#)

2) DONNA SHEAVES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Canadian Union of Public Employees Union (CUPE), Local 402, has established, through the BC Federation of Labour, a Memorial Scholarship for a union woman to attend the "Women in Leadership" course at the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) Harrison Winter School. The Scholarship will cover the costs of tuition, shared accommodation and meals for this event. The Scholarship does not include wage loss. [See attached PDF.](#)

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More information at: [Labour Community Christmas Dinner](#)

4) BCFED HOLIDAY CLOSURE

The BC Federation of Labour office will be closed from December 24th through January 1, 2016. The office will reopen at 8:30 am on January 4, 2016. [See attached PDF.](#)

5) BCFED HOLIDAY CARD GOOD WISHES

From all of us at the BC Federation of Labour, we wish you and your loved ones a happy holiday season. [See attached PDF.](#)

6) BCFED MEDIA

BCFED welcomes news that Kitsilano Coast Guard Base to be reopened.

More information at: [Media](#)

For more information about BC Federation of Labour events, campaigns, and current disputes please visit our website at www.bcfed.ca

<h2>Metro Vancouver & TransLink Update</h2>	<p>SCI Update 2015-8 December 2, 2015</p>
	<p>Produced by the Sustainable Communities Initiative Robert Duffy, Coordinator rob.duffy.sci@gmail.com</p>

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Western Transportation Advisory Council



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News in Review - November 28 to December 4, 2015

- Bigger crops anticipated ahead of StatsCan report
- Does Western Canada still need a grain transportation co-ordinator?
- BHP cuts 76 Canada jobs, keeps building potash mine
- Canada Throne Speech 2015 full text: A complete copy of Trudeau's first agenda
- OPEC's 'victory' against rivals comes at heavy price
- Coal ships will now be loaded on Fraser River; \$50M project will handle U.S. coal going to Asia
- CP Rail slams Norfolk Southern over 'mischaracterization' of takeover offer
- Mike Andrews: Many lessons were learned from North Shore 'earthquake'
- Five lessons Toronto could learn from New York's transportation shift
- Manitoba government looks for help to support railway, port in Churchill
- US Congress poised to pass long-term bill with strong freight project funding
- Department documents say Liberal infrastructure promise faces delivery problems

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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.



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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 or phone us at 604-254-8141 to update us.



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