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President's Newsletter

Local Membership Meeting

Don't forget about our local membership meeting taking place Monday August 17, 2015 at 1300 to 16:00 at the Sheraton Terminal 3, Geneva Room.

The Agenda includes the 2015-2016 local budget approval.

Dropping the writ....

Stephen Harper has called the longest election campaign in modern Canadian history, starting August 2, in the middle of the long weekend and lasting 78 days until October 19. It will also be the costliest election in all Canadian history, with campaign spending limits at over \$50 million per party. With the loopholes created by the Conservatives in the Election Act, the Conservatives will be able to dramatically out spend other parties, on top of the millions of tax payer dollars used in recent months for "government" ads that looked more like partisan messages for the Harper campaign than public information. Keep in touch with the key issues at www.betterchoice.ca and learn more about the manipulation of our political system at www.canadians.org/broken-covenant. Also consider making a financial donation to or volunteering for a party of your choice.

The Straight-Up Truth

Unifor economist Jim Stanford has created a brilliant video exposing the economic reality of Harper's Canada. Given the barrage of Tory ads that will distort their real record, it is worth having popular antidote in the form of Stanford's analysis that separates fact from fiction. View it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6a0DgSWa48E>.

Get Involved!

We must do what we can to influence the outcome of the upcoming federal election! CUPE is organizing training sessions for members who wish to take an active role in shaping Canada's future. Training will take place September 7-8, 2015 in Toronto and Vancouver. Members will receive training on communication, engagement and

organization of events around the federal elections. If you are interested email mobilization@local4092.ca.

Labour Day Parade

We invite you to attend the Toronto Labour Day Parade taking place Monday September 7, 2015. CUPE will meet on University Avenue in Toronto for a 9:30 am departure, so look for our banners. All participants will be given a wristband which entitles you to free entry into the CNE Exhibition after the parade. Bring your kids, sunscreen, a water bottle and comfortable shoes and show your solidarity with the labour movement!

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