



## March 2016 Bulletin

### UP Express for Less

Starting March 9, 2016, fares for airport employees on the Union Pearson Express train will be reduced to \$3.50 One-Way and \$140 for a Monthly Pass. In order to qualify for these reduced rate passes, you must first create an employee account. For information on the UP Express and how to create an account, visit <https://www.upexpress.com/AirportEmployee/AirportEmployeeOverview>.

### CLIFF

The Canadian Labour Film Festival (CLIFF) is now accepting submissions for its 8th festival to be held this November. If you have a film about work or workers, then please consider sending CLIFF your film. For information, or details, please visit their website at: [www.labourfilms.ca](http://www.labourfilms.ca) or facebook.com/labourfilms

### Save the Date

A local meeting will be held Wednesday March 23, 2016 at the Terminal 3 Sheraton Hotel in the Lausanne room. The meeting begins at 13:00, come join us and bring a friend!

### Claim Secure

When submitting medical claims to Claim Secure, you must have the items (compression hose, medical braces, orthotics, shoes, etc.) dispensed to you (in hand) prior to submitting the claim for reimbursement. You can find more information about the claims process under HR Connex > My Benefits > Health & Dental.

### Canada Number One in NAFTA lawsuits

Canada is the most sued country under the North American Free Trade Agreement and the majority of the disputes involve investors challenging environmental laws, according to a new study from the Centre for Policy Alternatives. Over 70% of the claims since 2005 have been brought against Canada and the number of challenges is rising sharply. Canada has lost six claims paying a total of \$170 million in damages, while Mexico has lost five cases and paid out \$204 million. The U.S. has won 11 cases and has never lost a NAFTA investor-state case.



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10:00am to 4:00pm

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Canada is embarking on a new generation of treaties such as the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) with the European Union and the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), both of which contain investor-state dispute settlement systems (ISDS). While governments can be sued under ISDS, there is no similar recourse for states to hold foreign investors accountable for their actions. For more info and how you can voice your opposition to these deals, check out the [Council of Canadians webpage on trade](#).

**Women : Fast Forward.**

International Women's Day, March 8, is the global celebration of the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. Yet progress has slowed. The World Economic forum predicts at the current rate of change it will take until 2133 to achieve gender parity. To close the gender gap, we must commit to act beyond one day. To learn more about IWD events and how you can fast forward the clock to gender parity, check out the IWD website at <http://www.internationalwomensday.com/Resources>.



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