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CUPE Local 4092 Update

BETTER CHOICES

The Canada Labour Congress, Canada's national labour voice representing over 3.3 million workers, is launching a new campaign in advance of this year's upcoming federal election. The country's slow economic recovery has left 2.8 million Canadians unemployed or underemployed. Nearly three quarters of the jobs created in the past six years have been precarious (part-time, temporary or in the self-employed sector). With limited job prospects, household debt is at an all-time high. **Soon, you will get to choose how we overcome these challenges.** In an effort to get Canadian workers thinking about the important issues of healthcare, retirement security, child care and good jobs, the CLC is launching the "Better Choices" campaign. Stop by the Union office to get the newest conversation starter kits and visit www.betterchoice.ca.

The CLC is also holding an event "Time for Change" for all union members (and you can bring a guest!) It takes place at the University of Toronto Conference Centre, 89 Chestnut Street in Toronto on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 from 18:30–20:30. A social, including food and drinks, will follow the event with Hassan Yussuff, President of the CLC. Register in advance by filling out the form at <http://goo.gl/phTcuC>

Canadians want a federal government that will create **GOOD JOBS**, fix **RETIREMENT SECURITY**, help them find affordable **CHILD CARE** and invest in the **HEALTH CARE** services we all need. That's why it's time for a change.

DEMAND ACTION ON CROWN!

Labour Council and the Steelworkers are ramping up the campaign to win justice for Crown strikers. The courageous



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group of workers have been out for 21 months, facing a ruthless multinational company that is determined to bust their union. Last week Rosie DiManno wrote a gut-wrenching account of their fight - <http://ow.ly/NrkLd>.

Please help them out by sending a message to the Premier demanding action at www.ow.ly/MHmRI and circulate this link to everyone you know. Labour Council is holding a vigil outside the Ministry of Labour three mornings each week. There is no small irony that the government can impose back-to-work legislation on teachers in a few days, but can't find time to curb the terrible abuse by Crown Holdings of its employees. www.bottlesnotcans.ca.



KEEP ONTARIO HYDRO PUBLIC

Examining the effects on Local Communities if Ontario Hydro is Privatized

There are some 70 local electricity companies (LDCs) in Ontario, distributing power from transmission lines to homes and businesses. Most LDCs in Ontario are wholly owned by the communities they serve; others have private companies as minority shareholders. LDCs earn millions of dollars for their communities to spend on local services like transit, parks, and libraries; depending on the size of the LDC, it can be anywhere from a few million to hundreds of millions of dollars. The government is creating the conditions to introduce and increase private ownership of LDCs. It is pressuring municipalities to amalgamate their LDCs, reducing their numbers from 70 or so LDCs to approximately a dozen. This will result in a further loss of critical government revenue and public control of our power utilities.

Please be sure to share these facts with your friends, family members and colleagues. The more we learn the more it becomes clear: Ontario cannot afford the risk of privatizing Hydro One.



Terminal LINK Train Service Interruption – May 29 and 30, 2015.

UP Express needs to perform work close to the Terminal LINK train for installation of barriers on their guideway wall, which will require one Terminal link train to be out of service.

This work will occur overnight on May 29 and May 30 and the times allotted are as follows:



- Friday, May 29, 11pm to Saturday, May 30 at 11:20am
- Saturday, May 30, 11pm to Sunday, May 31 at 10am
- One train will operate with a max wait time of 8 minutes during each service interruption.

Busses will also operate every 3 to 5 minutes from 3 a.m. to 8 a.m. travelling from Viscount Station at 6A on the Alt hotel side to Terminal 3 arrivals inner curb Post 27 and Terminal 1 arrivals inner curb Post F1.

Please give yourself extra time to travel during these two times.

***Please note: timing of this maintenance is subject to change.*



Bill C-377 is a Private Member's Bill called "An act to amend the *Income Tax Act* (requirements for labour organizations)". The Bill was originally introduced by Conservative backbench MP Russ Hiebert and it is now back at the Senate. C-377 is so egregious and so badly drafted that it has had a rocky ride through Parliament. The first version of the Bill failed; this version had to be amended in the House of Commons before it could be passed. And C-377 was then again amended in the Senate by Conservative Senators led by Hugh Segal. The Bill died upon prorogation of Parliament in 2013, but this also meant that the original unedited Bill – as though the Senate debate and amendments had never happened -returned to the Senate for consideration. Hearings of the Senate Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee were held in April 2015.

Advocates of Bill C-377 say it is only about increasing union financial disclosure. In reality, the Bill is a highly partisan and political attack on the right of freedom of association and free speech in Canada.

If adopted, the Bill would require the *Income Tax Act* to be changed to make it mandatory for all labour organizations to make available to the **general public** detailed annual financial filings.

Public companies are required to publicly disclose far **less** than what C-377 would require of us.

Private companies – including giant transnational corporations like Syncrude, McCain Foods, and Quebecor Media – are not required to publicly disclose **any** financial information.

Registered charities report **less**.

Registered political parties report **less** in general and **far less**

between elections.

Government ministers and their ministries report *less*.

So why are they trying to make your union disclose *more*? This Bill follows American legislation that was first introduced in the 1980s. A bill like this sets unions up for an attack on *Lavigne* and *Rand*, two key Supreme Court of Canada decisions that protect labour rights. It could possible open it up for the Canada Revenue Agency to tax any surpluses your union holds, allowing the government to get its hands on your money!

Voice your opposition to this Bill by signing the petition at <http://cupe.ca/stop-conservative-attack-workers-again>

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