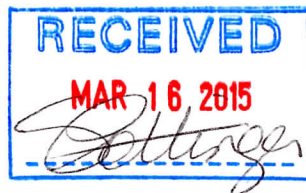


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Canadian Labour Congress
Congrès du travail du Canada

March 5, 2015

To: Senior Contacts and All Affiliates

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

Re: Solidarity Kids' Camp of Manitoba

The 2015 Manitoba Kid's Camp is in the planning stages and we are preparing. The snow is nowhere near gone but we are already thinking of summer!

Kids' Camp provides a wonderful opportunity for the children of union members to come together to learn and share ideas on Unions, Human Rights, Collective Bargaining, Health and Safety, and other interesting and important topics. Combine this with plenty of fresh air, great food and fun - it is an experience that should not be missed.

Kids' Camp needs to be a safe, comfortable and accessible place for the campers to grow and express themselves accordingly. This year we are again utilizing Camp Nutimik in the Whiteshell which we found to be a wonderful location which offers many amenities for our campers. The camp provides us with meal and snack choices, which makes camp organizers' jobs easier. The on-site cooks have been organizing and catering to teen appetites for years and will be ready for our arrival.

Our camp registration is maintained this year at \$350 per camper. There are a couple of ways in which your organization can assist us in making this camp run smoothly - either by a financial donation or releasing a member from your organization to act as a camp councillor.

We ask that as affiliates, you donate generously to the Solidarity Kids' Camp of Manitoba.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Cindy Murdoch – CLC Manitoba Representative, by email at cmurdoch@clc-ctc.ca or phone (204)947-9494.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "DL", written over a light blue grid background.

Darla Leard
Regional Director
Prairie Region

DL/lb
cc: C. Murdoch



IFPTE Local 161
Bob Linsdell, Executive Director
200 - 1 Wesley Avenue
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March 5, 2015



Go Vote !

A proposal to The IFPTE Local 161

There will always be disagreements about the direction of the country – unanimity in terms of actual social, economic, cultural and foreign policies is impossible. But the system we use for ensuring an honest competition between those different views of the country must be sacrosanct. There must be a level playing field; a government of laws, not men – or we simply no longer have democracy. – Murray Dobbin

Dear Mr. Linsdell,

Canada's democracy is in crisis. We have a prime minister and a government that are dismantling, whether we like it or not, a Canada that three generations of Canadians have built. How can this be happening when this government was democratically elected to represent the values and vision of our country?

It could be argued that democracy today is not working because so many people are opting out. In the last election, about 9 million eligible voters didn't vote. And the Conservatives won a majority government by only 6,201 votes across 14 ridings!

This matters because the most basic principles of democracy have been undermined ever since. As you know, the list of Stephen Harper's assaults on democracy is long and unprecedented. Abuses of power such as Bill C-23 or the (un)fair election act, the new voter suppression Bill C-50, and the robocalls scandal are only a few.

The list goes on and while some of the violations are clearly more serious than others, taken as a whole they add up to a dangerous undermining of our democratic traditions, institutions and precedents – and politics.

While voting alone is not the solution to a failing democracy, it is one critical step within our means in the next few months to see some change we want.

The Council of Canadians is forging ahead with engaging Canadians in the upcoming election and we are asking for The IFPTE Local 161's partnership.

Our "Go Vote!" campaign is a five point voter engagement campaign aimed to produce a groundswell of new voters – led by young people – that will deliver victories for progressive candidates in battleground ridings. **Please have a look at the enclosed document for more details. We also encourage you to mobilize your members to take part in our Town Halls and canvassing campaign.**

CUPE National has already committed \$50,000 to this campaign. And PSAC National has pledged \$10,000 to the Ottawa efforts. A funding contribution from The IFPTE Local 161 would strengthen your own cause and build on our mutual strength. Together, we have the capacity to inspire a movement of young and first-time voters, led by Brigette DePape to "Go Vote!" This could be a legitimate game-changer in the election.

You know Brigitte as the young parliamentary page who held up her iconic “**Stop Harper!**” sign in the Senate. She has since emerged as a leading voice on the political landscape and a driving force within many youth movements – including with the Council of Canadians!

In the coming months, our chapter activists will be busy across the country distributing tens of thousands of Voter’s Guides. We will be holding a series Town Halls in targeted ridings, and meeting directly with people - some of which are your members - in their communities. With our allies, we will build on each other’s momentum to reach out and directly engage students and young people traditionally dismissed by our leaders and devise strategies to overcome systemic barriers that suppress their vote.

The Council of Canadians is a non-partisan organization. And while we don’t tell people how to vote, our organization is a strong defender of democracy, and as such, believes it is imperative in this 2015 federal election that people be informed and reminded about the numerous ways in which Stephen Harper and his Conservative government have, and continue to, undermine our Canadian democracy.

For those of you less familiar with The Council of Canadians, please visit us at canadians.org. Our strong advocacy work precludes us from having charitable status under CRA guidelines, but this allows our work to be as direct and uncompromising as necessary without fear of government interference or reprisal. The Council does not accept any government or corporate funding either. We are sustained entirely by the generous support of individuals and organizations that share our progressive values.

Mr. Linsdell, I know the significance that goes along with a request like this and I’m deeply grateful for your consideration. **My contact information is enclosed so please feel free to contact me for more information or if you are interested in supporting a specific aspect of the campaign.** We believe that through this purposeful collaboration, The IFPTE Local 161 and The Council of Canadians can more effectively advance our shared goals of building a better Canada.

Together, we can make a difference for all Canadians in the next election.

In solidarity,



Hélène Bertrand
Development Officer
The Council of Canadians
1-800-387-7177 ext. 244

cc Misty Hughes-Newman, President, IFPTE Local 161



GO VOTE!

A five-point voter engagement campaign



THE PLAN :

Cross-Canada series of Town Halls In strategic ridings, high-profile speakers will deliver sharp criticism of the current government agenda, convert community outrage into action, draw national media coverage and amplify our common narrative;

Get-out-the-vote (GOTV) Campaign led by Brigette DePape. Creative events and teach-ins on campuses and with young workers' committees across Canada will directly engage students and young people, survey them on key issues of concern, and devise strategies to overcome systemic barriers that suppress the youth vote;

Door to Door canvassing With voters in battleground ridings, combined with Voter Pledge drives in high traffic areas. From community list-building, volunteers will be recruited and trained to sustain local GOTV campaigns;

Voters' Guides Factsheets and other election resources designed to educate and enable voters to cast an informed ballot. Specific youth-oriented election resources will be designed using feedback obtained from direct dialogue with young people;

Ad campaign Led by Brigette DePape, a positive "Go Vote!" call to action. Ads on social media, television and public transportation will reach more than one million voters in the months, weeks and days leading up to Election Day.

YES!

We like this plan and would like to be a part of it. Here's our contribution:

\$250

\$500

\$1,000

\$5,000

Other: _____

Enclosed is a cheque payable to the Council of Canadians

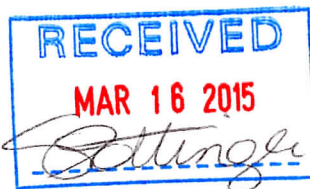
Here is our credit card number:

Expiry:

Name on card: _____

Signature: _____

Please return this coupon with your contribution



March 11, 2015

To: MFL Affiliates
From: Sylvia Farley, Executive Director
Manitoba Federation of Labour

Re: 2015 Winnipeg Folk Festival – Family Area Sponsorship

The 42nd Winnipeg Folk Festival will take place on July 9th - 12th and, as always, promises a diverse and talented line-up of performers from Manitoba and around the world.

Each year, the Manitoba Federation of Labour and our Affiliates come together to sponsor the Family Area under the Chickadee Big Top at the Festival.

A highlight this year for festivalgoers and families is the Chickadee Big Top tent. Each year, your sponsorship helps facilitate a wide variety of music and activities that attract an important demographic of our audience. Many of the acts that will be playing this tent will be Manitoban and will give families a chance to reconnect with many of their favorite performers and find some new ones as well. With free admission for children, we are expecting a continued growth in family sizes for the whole weekend. We hope that you will continue to support this area and the Winnipeg Folk Festival.

With your sponsorship of \$500.00 or more, your Local will:

- ❖ Receive recognition on the Family Area page in the Festival program book;
- ❖ Be listed on the signage outside the Family Area tent;
- ❖ Receive recognition in the Friends of the Festival page in our program book;
- ❖ Receive one (1) ticket to the Festival (one full day pass) for each \$500.00 donation.

Our goal this year is to raise over \$10,000.00 and we need your help.

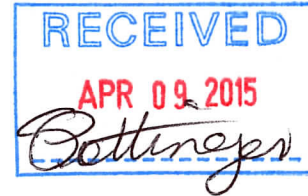
The partnership between Manitoba Unions and the Winnipeg Folk Festival is deep-rooted and multi-layered. As volunteers, union members have been instrumental in fuelling the organization and participate in a variety of roles.

In order to meet print deadlines, you must confirm your sponsorship by APRIL 1st and have the artwork in to the MFL by April 15TH.

Please make cheques payable to the Winnipeg Folk Festival and **forward** to the Manitoba Federation of Labour office so that we can track the donations.

You may call us directly or e-mail sfarley@mfl.mb.ca to confirm your donation if there is a delay in sending the cheque.

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April 8, 2015

**TO: ALL RECORDING SECRETARIES/PRESIDENTS
AFFILIATED TO THE WINNIPEG LABOUR COUNCIL**

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Greetings:

Re: Labour Day Picnic - 2015

We are very excited to be holding our 3rd annual Labour Day Picnic, on Monday, September 7th from 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Vimy Ridge Park, 821 Preston Avenue.

Last year we had an amazing turnout from the community and our affiliates, and would like to make it even bigger event this year.

We are also holding a march before the picnic and would like to invite all affiliates to attend the march with their union schwagg , flags and banners.

Every year, we make arrangements for hot dogs, juice boxes, chips, inflatable play stations, and entertainment.

This picnic is open to all of our members, their families and the communities.

DONATIONS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR US TO STAGE THIS EVENT!!

Would you please issue the cheque to the W.L.C. and forward it to 504-275 Broadway, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4M6.

We would not be able to support such a worthwhile event, without the Locals' donations. We are enclosing a poster, to put on your bulletin boards.

Please let the office know at wpglbr@mymts.net if you would like table space for handouts. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us.

In solidarity,

Dave Sauer
President

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Labour Day Picnic 2015



**Brought to you by the
Winnipeg Labour Council**

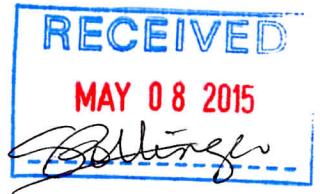


Free Hot dogs, face painting,
bouncy castles, entertainment



**Vimy Ridge Park
821 Preston Avenue
Monday, September 7th
from 2:00-4:30 pm**

Please contact Dave Sauer at 204-942-0522 for more information



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