

## ABOUT THE CLC

The CLC is the largest labour organization in Canada, bringing together national and international unions, provincial and territorial federations of labour, and community-based labour councils to represent 3.3 million workers. For more than 50 years, the CLC has provided research and policy leadership on issues that impact the everyday lives of all working people such as wages, workplace health and safety, pension and retirement security, social and economic justice and equality, access to public healthcare, and childcare.

The CLC advocates in support of our policy goals in the courts and in Parliament, and through public education and political mobilization. Internationally, the CLC is the voice of Canadian workers at the United Nations through the International Labour Organization.

Many of the things first won by unions are enjoyed by all workers today – such as minimum wages, overtime pay, workplace safety standards, maternity and parental leave, vacation pay, and protection from discrimination and harassment. The Canadian labour movement has played a major role in making Canada a better place to work and live. Canada's working class became Canada's middle class as improved wages raised the standard of living. In addition to fair pay, workers and their unions have secured benefits from employers and governments, which has meant greater income security and a better quality of life.

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## LABOUR COUNCILS IN ONTARIO:

Barrie and District Labour Council  
Brantford and District Labour Council  
Chatham-Kent Labour Council  
Collingwood and District Labour Council  
Cornwall and District Labour Council  
Durham Region Labour Council  
Grey-Bruce Labour Council  
Guelph and District Labour Council  
Hamilton and District Labour Council  
Huron and District Labour Council  
Kapusking Labour Council  
Kenora and District Labour Council  
Kingston and District Labour Council  
Lanark District Labour Council  
Leeds & Grenville Labour Council  
Lindsay and District Labour Council  
London and District Labour Council  
Niagara Regional Labour Council  
North Bay and District Labour Council  
North Simcoe, Muskoka and District Labour Council  
Northumberland and District Labour Council  
Oakville and District Labour Council  
Orangeville and District Labour Council  
Ottawa and District Labour Council  
Oxford Regional Labour Council  
Peel Regional Labour Council  
Peterborough and District Labour Council  
Quinte Labour Council  
Renfrew and District Labour Council  
Sarnia and District Labour Council  
Sault Ste. Marie and District Labour Council  
St. Thomas and District Labour Council  
Stratford and District Labour Council  
Sudbury and District Labour Council  
Thunder Bay and District Labour Council  
Timmins and District Labour Council  
Toronto and York Region Labour Council  
Waterloo Regional Labour Council  
Windsor and District Labour Council

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Canadian Labour Congress

Congrès du travail du Canada



## THE VOICE OF LABOUR

Labour councils advocate for social and economic fairness in communities across Canada. Working with local unions and allies, labour councils work to build healthy, sustainable communities by being the political voice and taking action on economic, social and environmental issues.

Labour councils bring together local unions in 135 communities across Canada. Councils are responsible at the local level for carrying out the policies of the labour movement developed at the provincial and national levels.

Directly chartered by the Canadian Labour Congress, labour councils speak out as labour's voice. Labour councils are the body that the CLC and local unions turn to in order to carry out their policies in the community. Labour council members reflect the whole spectrum of organized labour in Canada. From public and private sector workers to clerical, service and industrial workers - they all join together to form the local labour council.

## LABOUR COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The range of activities in which the labour council involves itself is diverse. Labour council activities may include but are not limited to:

- Lobbying of all levels of Government;
- Educational workshops;
- Coalition building;
- Strike support;
- Local media relations;
- United Way Partnership work;
- Representation for labour on local boards;
- Issue based campaigning with community partners;
- Day of Mourning events;
- Labour Day festivities;
- Implement CLC and Federation of Labour campaigns on the ground;
- Supporting labour-friendly candidates at election time; and
- Promoting Union Label materials

Labour councils are the vehicle to provide the collective strength and a strong voice for workers and their families in the community.

## MUNICIPALITIES MATTER

Workers form the backbone of our cities. They build our roads, work in our parks, keep us safe and provide much valued programs and services. The CLC's Municipalities Matter program aims to build strong relationships between labour unions and municipalities to build strong economically vibrant cities. We are now living in a time when over 80% of Canadians live in cities and 50% of Canada's GDP is generated in Canada's half-dozen largest municipalities.

On behalf of our 3.3 million members, the CLC is proposing five issues that if addressed would take us down the path of building vibrant and sustainable communities:

- ✓ Public Infrastructure: Creating Jobs by Building Stronger Communities
- ✓ Procurement: A "Made In Canada" Purchasing Policy
- ✓ Sustainability: Labour's Green Agenda
- ✓ Municipal Revenues: Building a Sustainable Fiscal Base for our Cities and Communities
- ✓ Fair Wages & Working Conditions: Building Strong & Economically Vibrant Communities

