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**Fight for \$15 National Day of Action highlights growing momentum for fair wages
Events planned in cities across the country**

Vancouver – April 15 is the National Day of Action for the Fight for \$15 campaign to increase the minimum wage across Canada.

The Fight for \$15 campaign has been gaining momentum across North America. The National Day of Action will build on that momentum in Canada, with campaigns events planned in cities across the country.

The Fight for \$15 campaign is a call to provincial governments to increase the minimum wage to \$15/hour so a full time worker earning minimum wage is not trapped in poverty. The campaigns highlight the impact of poverty wages on families, communities and our economy.

The National Day of Action is organized by a coalition of organizations – labour, community, students, and more – engaged in the fight for fair wages

Day of Action events include rallies, petition signing, leafleting and outreach to elected representatives.

Events happening Friday, April 15 across the country include:

British Columbia:

Vancouver: Rally at Canada Place, 5:00 pm

Surrey: Rally and Demo, 4:00 pm, King George Skytrain Station

Kamloops: - Petition signing, 4:30 at the Kamloops North Shore Transit Exchange

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Alberta:

Calgary: Rally, 5:00 pm, Tomkins Park, 17th Ave SW & 7th St SW

Edmonton: University of Alberta LRT Station, 12:00 pm

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Calgary: Peter Driftmier, 403-803-6911, peter.driftmier@gmail.com

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Ontario:

Barrie: Rally and march to MPP Ann Hoggarth's office, 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm, 320 Bayfield Street

Brampton: Airport Workers Rally GTAA, 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm, 3111 Convair Drive

Hamilton: Leaflet blitz, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, McDonald's at Delta on 1268 King Street East

Guelph: Action blitz 11:00 am Old Quebec Street Mall, 3:30 pm Willow West Mall

Kingston: Petitioning and leafleting action, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Stauffer Library

Kitchener/Waterloo: March, 11:30 am, Victoria Park

London: Visiting MPP Deb Matthews, Deputy Premier, 4:00 pm, Richmond and Piccadilly

Mississauga: Visiting MPP Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance, 4:00 pm, 120 Lakeshore Rd West

Niagara: Visiting MPP Jim Bradley, 10:00 am, 2 Secord Drive, Unite 2

North Bay: Sidewalk solidarity, 12:30 pm, 120 Lakeshore Drive

Oshawa: Visiting MPP Jennifer French, 3:00 pm, 78 Centre Street North, Unit 2

Ottawa: Rally & March, 12:00 pm, Oscar Peterson Statue by Elgin St & Mackenzie King Bridge

Peterborough: Rally outside MPP Jeff Leal's office, 3:00 pm, 236 King Street

Sudbury: Rally outside MPP Glenn Thibeault's office and March, 12:00 pm, 555 Barrydowne Rd

Windsor: Action blitz 11:30 am, Southwest corner of University & Victoria Avenue

Toronto actions

Health provider leaflet blitz: 7:30 am – 9:30 am, Dufferin Subway Station, North-West corner of Bloor and Dufferin

Young workers & students feeder march: 11:45 am – 12:30 pm, North-West corner of College and University

OPSEU march to the Ministry of Labour: 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm, Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Rally at the Ministry of Labour: 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm, 400 University Avenue

Airport Workers Rally GTAA: 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm, 3111 Convair Drive

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Manitoba

Winnipeg: Rally and march, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, University of Winnipeg, 515 Portage Ave, Front Lawn

Quebec

Montreal: Rally at 5:00 pm and March at 6:00 pm, Jean-Talon Metro station (Exit Jean-Talon South: Rue Jean-Talon & Avenue de Chateaubriand).

Montreal: Visiting MNA Helene David, 12:00 pm, 5450 Chemin de la Cote-des-Neiges

Gatineau: Rally, 12:00 pm, McDonald's corner of Maisonneuve and Allumettes

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Nova Scotia

Halifax: Leafleting and Petitioning, 11:00 am, McDonalds at 5675 Spring Garden Rd

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New Brunswick

Moncton: Rally, 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, Champlain St, in front of Champlain Place

Saint John: Rally, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm, corner of McAllister Drive and Westmorland Road

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