

RDLC Committee

The Labour Council is very important labour central body that impacts community and is the heart and hands of the labour movement. This is where volunteers from labour, you and your unions support, to help those in need in our community. We have many committees for you to choose from, as a VP and delegate you can participate in the following Committee:

Community Affairs - participate in community organization to help out wherever we can whether its financial, volunteerism, sharing in a cause; we have participated in Relay for life, coldest night of the year, Care and share; providing and donating winter clothes for those living in poverty.

Education – helping out with our school supply program, picking up supplies and helping to fill back packs to deliver to schools that we currently support, such as Cornwall Alternative and Albert, this year we are going to add Coronation Park School. We have in the past, put on educational, but not in a while.

Equity & Human Rights – focus on equity and our annual conference usually held in February, but this year was conflict with other conferences that made it difficult for us this year, there is a lot going on. But be prepared to volunteer to get that running next February. If you are interested in this please sign up. We also host an equity pot luck in November, where we bring in a speaker to talk about community initiative around human rights issues.

Political Action – this labour council is extremely politically active at all levels; federally, provincially and municipally. Our main focus

however is municipal, and are very involved in the municipal election. If you are interested in politics or a political junkie, like some of us, this is the committee for you, please sign up.

Policy – if you are interested in policies, updating, cleaning up policies, you want to definitely sign up for this committee.

Public Relations – this seems to and has been under the purview of the president, however, help would be appreciated in this area. We do have a new website and we need someone or more than one person to help keep our website updated, with news and events, to keep it current. If you feel that you are social media and webpage savvy, this may be right up your alley. Please sign up and see me about that, I will get you set up.

Resolutions – from time to time we need to update our constitution and or participate by sending resolutions to the NDP, CLC and SFL Conventions that would impact and benefit the Labour Movement and Society, if you want to help impact social change, this is the committee you need to be on.

Strike Support & Organizing – well we support any union that is out on strike or rallies, we definitely are looking for volunteers on this committee or organize and get people out to support those unions that are out.

Chairs of all Committees are appointed from the Vice Presidents that are elected. If you are interested in chairing any of the committees please let me know, once elected of course.

Annual Events

Day of Mourning – every April 28, remembers all the workers killed in the province from the previous year, this year we remembered 48 workers killed on the job, one death is too many. We mourn for the dead and fight for the living. Usually everyone on the Executive participates in this event, we had 100 people attend this year, due to weather we moved indoors at the union centre and it was standing room only.

May Works & May Day Parade – this past April 28 – May 3rd, we celebrated May Works a full week of events and for the first time had a May Day Parade on the 1st! Which in International Workers Day, we need a lot of volunteers and a planning committee to co-ordinated with our affiliates and organization that would like to sponsor an event. Please sign up it is a lot of work and fun, mostly we need you. Again many hands make light work

Labour Day Picnic – we have for more than seven or eight year now joined with the Building Trades to coordinate and co-sponsor this event, we have consistently served over 5000 hot dogs, it is fun, and fast, and we need everyone to come out and volunteer that day to serve workers, their families and the community. It is the biggest event and most attended every year.

Awards and AGM – need a planning committee for lining up speakers, topic and helping to make this a smooth event every year. It is your Labour Council, we do very good work and impact the lives of people in the community. Sign up and bring your union members out to participate and become delegates to share the load. Thank you and I look forward to working with all of you in the next

coming year, hope to see many of you sign up to be on a committee or two.

R DLC Roles and Responsibilities of Vice Presidents

You are representing your Union as a Vice President on your Labour Council, and become part of the decision making body in how and what we spend our finances on, the things we do throughout the year. You help in governance and direct this Labour Council.

You are expected to participate in as many events as possible, we are a volunteer organization to help benefit our Community.

You are expected to attend the Monthly Executive and General Meetings, (*if three meetings are missed without reason, your local union president will be notified and your position as VP will become vacant*). We have not practiced this in the past, but discussion in the past two years regarding this is a concern, going back to we are volunteers, and more hands, make light work.

Our purpose is laid out in the constitution under Article 2, there are 12 items; overall we coordinate the interests of our affiliates in the welfare of all workers.

- To encourage all workers without regard to race, creed, colour, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or national origin to share in the full benefits of union organizations.
- To promote legislation which safeguard and extend free and unrestricted collective bargaining and promote labour and social laws which provide for social security and welfare for all people.

- To promote peace and freedom in the world, and to cooperate with free democratic labour movements in the world.
- To promote and strengthen democracy
- To encourage sale and use of union-made goods and services
- To protect the Labour Movement from corrupt influences that oppose basic principles of our democracy and democratic unionism.
- To respect the autonomy of each affiliate.
- To assist and develop union education and promote labour press
- Promote and environment free of harassment in workplaces and the labour movement. That is the condensed version.

All are welcome to sign up for any committee!

Contact us via www.reginalabour.ca to sign up!

Support your Labour Council and help your community!

SOLIDARITY!!!