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Fair Wages Commission gets started on hearings for the $15/hour minimum wage

Vancouver – The BC Federation of Labour is excited to participate in the round of consultations that start today regarding lifting the minimum wage in BC to $15/hour.

“We launched the Fight for $15 campaign three years ago, and we are eager to see a $15/hour minimum wage implemented,” said Irene Lanzinger, President of the BC Federation of Labour.

The Commission is holding public hearings in eight communities around the province, and is also accepting online submissions. The first hearing is today in Abbottsford.

“We are encouraging people to take this opportunity to have their say on this critical issue. Low-wage earners are living below the poverty line at a time when we are facing an affordability crisis around the province,” said Lanzinger. “We must move swiftly to a $15/hour minimum wage and eliminate all exemptions, like the liquor server wage.

“The longer we wait the further behind workers and their families fall.”

Irene Lanzinger will present the BC Federation of Labour’s submission to the Fair Wages Commission at the Vancouver hearing on November 23, 2017.

For more information or to email your story to the Fair Wages Commission, visit www.fightfor15bc.ca.