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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 – The Fight for $15 campaign to increase the minimum wage is gaining momentum across Canada. Today is the National Day of Action with Fight for $15 events taking place in cities from Vancouver to Moncton.

Media are invited to attend the Vancouver rally. The event will have speakers, performers, and activity stations.

When: Friday, April 15

Time: 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm (speeches at 5:30 pm)

Where: Canada Place Plaza

Speakers include:

Irene Lanzinger, President of the BC Federation of Labour

Gregor Robertson, Mayor of Vancouver

Minimum wage worker

Fight for $15 Coalition partners

There are also events happening in Surrey and Kamloops on April 15.

The Fight for $15 campaign is a call for 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 today across the country include:

British Columbia

Vancouver: Rally, 5:00 pm at Canada Place Plaza

Surrey: Rally & Demo, 4:00 pm at King George SkyTrain Station

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

Alberta

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

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

Manitoba

Winnipeg: Rally & March, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm, University of Winnipeg, 515 Portage Ave, Front Lawn

Ontario

Barrie: Rally & March, 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm to MPP Ann Hoggarth’s office, 320 Bayfield St

Brampton: Airport Workers Rally, 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm at the GTAA, 3111 Convair Dr

Hamilton: Leaflet blitz, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm at McDonald’s, Delta on 1268 King St East

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

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

London: Visiting MP, 4:00 pm - Deb Matthews, Minister of Poverty Reduction, Richmond and Piccadilly

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

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

North Bay: Sidewalk Solidarity, 12:30 pm at 120 Lakeshore Dr

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

Ottawa: Rally & March, 12:00 pm, Oscar Peterson Statue – corner of Elgin St and Mackenzie King Bridge

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

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

Toronto: Leaflet blitz, 7:30 am - 9:30 am at Dufferin Subway Station, NW corner of Bloor and Dufferin

Toronto: March, 11:45 am - 12:30 pm, young workers & students, NW corner of College and University

Toronto: March, 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm, OPSEU Ministry of Labour, Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Toronto: Rally, 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm, Ministry of Labour at 400 University Ave

Quebec

Montreal: Rally & March, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Jean-Talon Metro station, Rue Jean-Talon & Ave de Chateaubriand

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

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

Nova Scotia

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

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 Dr and Westmorland Rd