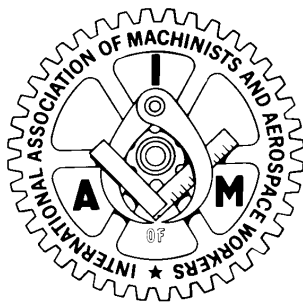


ATTEND YOUR LL905 UNION MEETING

Tuesday, October 13th, 4:15 PM
At the Ajax Legion Hall * 111 Hunt St. Ajax, ON

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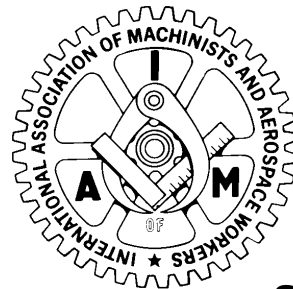
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**JUSTICE ON THE JOB,
SECURITY FOR THE FAMILY**

As union members we take pride in the quality of our work! When in negotiations with our employers, we stand united for fair wages, health and dental benefits, pensions, working conditions and more.

The Harper Government cuts in the last term has reduced pensions and cut healthcare. These cuts will not be realized or take effect until 2017 for healthcare and for those retiring, after 2023.

If our employers tried cuts like these we would strike.

The NDP has promised to work with the provinces and territories to protect private pensions from closures and bankruptcies, return the retirement age to 65 and reinstate the federal funding cuts from healthcare cut by Harper. This will all be done without raising your taxes. To fund these benefits the NDP will reinstate some of the taxes cuts by Harper for large corporations.

Let's stand united and negotiate a better deal for all Canadian by voting NDP, the party fighting for working families.

Other benefits to be brought to you by the NDP, accessible Employment Insurance, affordable daycare, environment protection, and much more! **Check out www.ndp.ca**

Dave Thompson L.L.905 President

Happy Retirement Doug!



LL905 Recording Secretary Brother Steve Pennington presenting Brother Doug Brooks a IAM Local Lodge 905 retirement cheque. Brother Doug is retiring after 34 years at the Ajax plant. Enjoy your retirement Doug!

IAM ratified contract with Protectolite

IAM District 78 Business Representative Kim Valliere reports that Local 901 members employed by Protectolite Inc. in Scarborough, recently ratified a new four year agreement. The Union negotiated Improvements to language, benefits, wages and introduced the IAMAW pension plan. Protectolite members produce molded composites for a variety of industries.

-IAM

CELEBRATING YEARS OF SERVICE IN 905 DURING OCTOBER

23 Years	Romulo Munarriz	9 Years	Edgardo Alon
22 Years	James Devries	9 Years	Julie Collingham
21 Years	Pauline Reilly	9 Years	Allan MacDonald
21 Years	Guy Belanger		
21 Years	Dabinder Beesla		
21 Years	Thani Nagalingam		
21 Years	Michael Mckelvey		
21 Years	Krzysztof Socha		
21 Years	John Janowski		
21 Years	Phong Vongprachanh		
20 Years	Randy Crawford		
18 Years	Dean Biernacki		
18 Years	Leonard Green		
18 Years	Choonde Mwanag'onze		
17 Years	Larry MacArthur		
15 Years	Loraine Cooney		
15 Years	Michael Blazek		
13 Years	Karen Johnson		
12 Years	Rodney Newell		
11 Years	Gary Cooper		
11 Years	Matthew Cevela		
11 Years	Timothy Heyman		
11 Years	Michael White		
10 Years	Darryl Colquhoun		
10 Years	Robert Johnston		
10 Years	Ian Kimball		



Get Well Soon

Shelley Chapman
 Randy Crawford
 Angela D'angelo
 Jamie Farr
 Kevin Graham
 Pauline Reilly
 Dave Shaw
 Douglas Teske
 Phil Kerr

Tax Facts

It's the apparent result of successive Liberal and Conservative governments that have cut corporate taxes far more aggressively than they have cut personal income taxes, while increasing "hidden taxes" that mostly impact low-income and middle-income workers.

The federal corporate tax rate has been nearly cut in half since 2000 -- from 28 per cent at the turn of the century to 15 per cent in 2012

Personal income taxes, on the other hand, have remained at more or less steady levels through this time. The lowest tax bracket, which now applies on incomes below \$42,706, has fallen slightly to 15 per cent today from 17 per cent in 2000. The top marginal tax rate has stayed the same, at 29 per cent.

The Harper government has hiked the maximum EI contribution to \$4,277 this year from \$3,412 in 2008. The EI fund took in \$3.3 billion more this year than it paid out in benefits. The surplus sucked into the general coffers.

the internet

So you see the tax burden is being shifted to the lower and middle class. These tax cuts cause cuts for federal funding to the provinces and in turn the municipalities, who in turn raise property taxes, and create new taxes to cope. How will you VOTE!

Shane Woito L.L.412 President

Tom Mulcair unveils NDP plan to boost aerospace jobs



NDP Leader Tom Mulcair announced a plan in Montreal today to boost jobs and innovation in Canada's aerospace sector. NDP Leader Tom Mulcair has announced a plan to create a "world-class" aerospace industry in Canada, including a new fund to boost innovation and manufacturing.

Outlining the plan on the tarmac of a Montreal airport on Tuesday, Mulcair said the NDP, if elected on Oct. 19, would invest in a high-tech fund to help small companies adopt cutting-edge technologies, increase production and hire more employees. The campaign pledge would cost \$160 million over four years. Calling aerospace a key sector for Canada's economy, Mulcair accused the Conservatives of neglecting the industry. He noted that no government minister attended the recent Paris air show to represent Canada and promised the NDP would repair the damage and become a "champion" for the aerospace industry.

"Canada is a pioneer in aerospace," he said, noting traditional roles in the industry from developing regional jets to key roles in space exploration. A June 2015 report from the Aerospace Industries Association of Canada said the industry contributes \$29 billion worth of GDP to Canada's economy each year. More than 700 companies employ more than 180,000 workers in direct and spinoff jobs.

The report also says Canada ranks third in global civil aircraft production, and that manufacturing and MRO activity (maintenance, repair and overhaul) are both expanding, growing by 29 per cent and 37 per cent, respectively, over the last decade. **-CBC**

IAM ratified with Mississauga city

IAM District 78 Business Representative Kim Valliere reports that the members of Local 1922 employed by the City of Mississauga recently ratified a new four year agreement. IAM members will see improvements to their benefits, vacation, and wages, along with language enhancements. Our members provide building custodial and maintenance services for the city.

IAM

We can make a BETTER CHOICE

It's no wonder. A slow economic recovery has left 2.8 million Canadians unemployed or underemployed. Nearly three quarters of the jobs created in the past six years have been precarious (part-time, temporary or in the self-employed sector). Household debt is at an all-time high.

This election, we can make a better choice. One that recognizes that getting people working is good for the economy. One that creates high-quality, secure jobs instead of short-term, temporary positions. One that prepares for our aging population.

Worried about the economy? Or your future? We can make a better choice for all Canadians and the economy. What will you choose?

Health Care

Too many Canadians wait too long for health care and four million don't have a family doctor. As our population ages, the shortage of health care workers will hurt even more, and the demand for services will soar. So why is the government cutting \$36 billion from health care? Let's choose a new government that will invest instead, in recruitment, training and in long-term care. The better choice means creating the jobs that keep Canadian workers and our economy healthy.

Have Your Say: How can we encourage more young Canadians to vote?

For almost two-thirds of young Canadian adults, a voting booth is like a Saturday morning. They're aware it exists, but have no recollection of ever seeing one.

Almost two-thirds of eligible voters aged 18 to 24 didn't cast a ballot in the last federal election. It's not that they're ignorant or apathetic; rather they feel that politicians ignore the issues they care about.

We've personally seen how passionate young people are, and we want more of them to cast a ballot on Oct. 19.

One move that concerns us is the Fair Elections Act, passed this spring. It forbids Elections Canada from visiting campuses to get out the youth vote, and restricts forms of voter ID that young people – particularly students living away from home – typically use at polling stations.

To counter this, should Canada make voting mandatory like Australia? Turnout there has exceeded 93 per cent since 1946. Or do we introduce Internet voting to complement paper ballots, like Markham, Ont., has done in municipal elections since 2003?

Canada could also lower the voting age to 16, like Scotland did for last year's historic independence referendum, sparking a surge of political participation among young Scots.

With a dismal overall voter turnout of barely 61 per cent in the 2011 federal election, it's worth encouraging Canadians of all ages to vote this fall. But it's especially crucial to get young adults voting. Studies show if a young person votes in the first two elections they're eligible, they're more likely to continue voting all their lives.

How can we convince young Canadians to vote in the coming federal election on Oct. 19?

THE EXPERTS:

Ilona Dougherty, co-founder, youth engagement organization Apathy is Boring, Montreal

"Straight up ask your kids, colleagues, friends, classmates, even your yoga instructor, to vote. Face-to-face conversations are shown to increase voter participation."

Jane Hilderman, executive director, citizen engagement organization Samara, Toronto

"We take cues from those we know and trust. Make voting an activity you do together with family, friends, neighbours or co-workers."

Laura Stephenson, chair of undergraduate political science, University of Western Ontario

"Young people are just as capable as anyone else to decide who should form government. We need to make it easier for them to learn about party stances on issues that they care about, perhaps with a special leaders' debate targeted to their concerns."

-Craig and Marc Kielburger - The Globe and Mail

Join Ontario Health Coalition members in signing the Doctors without Borders petition opposing the TPP.

For a more detailed information read the Council of Canadian's analysis TPP: Profits Before Patients.

Ontario Health Coalition



***On October 19, 2015,
Get Out And VOTE!***

Child Care

Everyone depends on someone who depends on child care. Québec proved that an affordable child care program more than pays for itself by helping parents—especially women—go to work. Every dollar of public funds invested in quality child care sees a return of 254% in social and economic benefits. So let's choose a new government that will set up a national child care system. Affordable, quality child care is a better choice for kids, families and the economy.

Retirement Security

After a lifetime of hard work, no one should have to retire in poverty. So let's choose a new government that will expand the Canada Pension Plan. For less than the cost of a coffee and a donut a day, workers could have double the CPP benefits and a more secure retirement. That's good for our economy. The better choice means expanding the CPP, because it's safe, fully-funded, and benefits everyone.

Good Jobs

What happened to all the good jobs? Canadians need quality jobs they can rely on so they can feel better about their future. Nearly a million Canadians juggle multiple jobs just to make ends meet. Young workers struggle with double the national unemployment rate. So let's choose a new government that will create good full-time jobs by investing now in public infrastructure. Let's restore in-person services for veterans, the unemployed and seniors, and invest in training for more health care workers. Let's start the transition to a low carbon economy to create tens of thousands of quality jobs and help fight climate change.

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Expected Impact of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement

Intellectual Property Rights

Currently in Canada, brand-drug companies have exclusive rights over pharmaceuticals for 8 years, this includes "data exclusivity" for biologics, or a minimum of a five-year period with up to three more years under a regulatory framework in the TPP. While this is not new here, having it embedded in the TPP agreement makes it virtually impossible to shorten this period in the future.

The United States had pushed for longer monopoly protections (12 years) for pharmaceutical companies to encourage 'innovation'.

For developing countries the transition period to meet the TPP's protections for pharmaceutical companies will be short and apply only to a few of the most harmful rules. Exceptions will be very limited. Within a few years TPP will apply to all countries.

Access to medications in developing countries

Longer exclusivity periods for medications increasing the costs of the medications mean that countries with limited budgets will be able to purchase fewer medications for their citizens.

Under TPP in the poorest country like Vietnam, patients could stop getting drugs to fight HIV due to the inflated price of therapy (68% of Vietnam's eligible HIV patients currently receive treatment, but post-TPP only 30 % could retain access to antiretrovirals).

Biologics

Biologics represent big money for pharmaceutical companies. The global biopharmaceuticals market was valued at US\$ 161,851.6 billion in 2014 and is expected to expand at a rate of 9.4% to reach US\$ 278,232.9 billion by 2020.

The further entrenchment of biologics patents in the TPP is an

attempt to stop Subsequent Entry Biologics (SEB) from entering the highly profitable market. SEBs (called biosimilars or follow-on biologics in other countries) are in some ways 'generic' versions of biologics, but biologics are more difficult to copy than conventional drugs.

In Canada, biologics are an increasing burden on health care budgets. In 2013, the Canadian Institute for Health Information found that while public drug spending declined in many of the top drug classes, those savings were offset by increased spending on biologics.

Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS)

ISDS is a system of international law that allows foreign companies to sue a national government for measures deemed to unfairly undermine the profitability of their investments in the host country.

Costly tribunals operate behind closed doors, and are comprised of judges and attorneys who are unaccountable to the public.

The only appeal mechanism is to the International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) review panel under a very restricted set of grounds, and after the panel review there are no further routes for appeal.

The ISDS provisions in TPP will lead to a proliferation of lawsuits against Canada (and other nations) and will serve to 'chill' the willingness of governments to make regulatory decision for pharmaceuticals in the public interest (such as a national drug program).

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Currently Eli Lilly, an American global pharmaceutical company, is suing the Canadian government for \$500 million under the ISDS provisions in NAFTA.

Under the TPP we will see powerful multinational pharmaceutical companies use ISDS to cling to over-priced drug monopolies, especially in regards to biologics.