

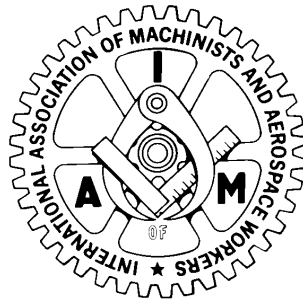
### ATTEND YOUR UNION MEETING

Monday, Sept 14th, 4:15 PM

At the Ajax Legion Hall \* 111 Hunt St. Ajax, ON

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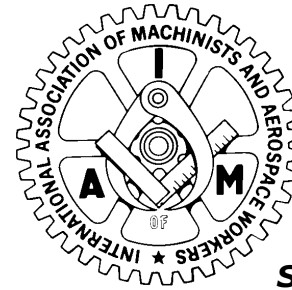
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**JUSTICE ON THE JOB,  
SECURITY FOR THE FAMILY  
AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

## Happy Retirement Eddy!



**Brother Mark Anderson presenting Brother Eduardo a IAM Local Lodge 905 retirement cheque and an IAM T-shirt. Brother Eddy is retiring after 29 years at the Ajax plant. Enjoy your retirement Eddy!**

**Congratulations to recipients of the IAM Veterans  
25 Years of Service Award:**



**Standing: Patrick Hau, John Mackenzie, Rick Bening.**

**Sitting: Mark Anderson, Daniel Godin, Peter Ferreira,  
Ranjit Ghajminger.**

**CELEBRATING YEARS OF SERVICE IN 905  
DURING AUGUST**

35 Years Frank Krasevec	4 Years Kevin Kilburn
34 Years Brian Pope	3 Years John Brennan
27 Years Jim Coombes	3 Years David Buchanan
27 Years Ranjit Ghajminger	3 Years Adrian Collins
25 Years John Dorsey	3 Years Mike Zielinski
25 Years Hon Ming Lee	2 Years Mike Baumann
25 Years Peter Lee	
23 Years Derrick Bradbury	
23 Years Paul Brooks	
23 Years Robert Gilmour	
23 Years Brian N Hiscock	
23 Years Zaldy Valle	
21 Years Mike Buechler	
21 Years Gordon Murphy	
21 Years Stephen Procter	
20 Years Kunasaga Veeramuthu	
19 Years Thomas Doran	
16 Years Brent Newbatt	
16 Years Kevin Ferguson	
15 Years Kem Dass	
14 Years Yuk-Lun Chiu	
14 Years Doug Deshevy	
14 Years Incheol Chris Kim	
12 Years Wenqi (William) Bai	
12 Years Andrew Smith	
11 Years Corey Trude	
11 Years Jamie Farr	
11 Years Patricia Mazzolini	
10 Years Zhongwen (Steven) Liu	
9 Years Stewart Smith	
8 Years Schennelly Stoughton	
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7 Years Margherita Cardillo	
7 Years Michael McNaught	
7 Years Scott Brown	



**Get Well Soon**

**Shelley Chapman**

**Randy Crawford**

**Angela D'angelo**

**Jamie Farr**

**Kevin Graham**

**Pauline Reilly**

**Dave Shaw**

**Douglas Teske**

**Alex Marshall**

**Dean Biernacki**

## IN MEMORIAM



It is with great sadness Local Lodge 905 announces the passing of Brother Barry Wallace Samson.

He is survived by his wife Cindy, children Shawn and Brad, grandchildren Griffin, Claire, and Sloan and other family members.

Between 1983 - 1990 Brother Barry was elected to the positions of LL905 President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary.

Our deepest sympathy, sincere thoughts and prayers are with the family. May the memories of loved shared give them peace and comfort now and in the days ahead.

**LL905**

## NDP Reality Check: Trudeau Liberals and Harper Conservatives use anti-union sentiments to launch attacks on the NDP

After claiming to be a friend to the labour movement, the Trudeau Liberals wasted no time in trotting out old-style anti-labour rhetoric to attack the NDP for its staff union.

Liberals, Conservatives and CTV are combining forces to – in bad faith – try and paint the fact unions have office space within the workplace as something suddenly controversial.

While CTV is unionized and is undoubtedly familiar with collective agreements, Liberals have never extended collective bargaining protection to their own staff.

Conservatives are even asking for another Kangaroo court investigation at the secretive BOIE – conveniently ignoring the fact Speaker Andrew Scheer himself, a Conservative MP, allows multiple union offices to operate in House of Commons space.

Which of course is normal – staff unions on the Hill have been granted office space for decades. Providing space for staff union representatives within a unionized workplace is a standard practice and part of respecting collective bargaining rights.

The NDP is the only party on the Hill with unionized staff. In accordance with common practice – including every other employees' union operating on Parliament Hill – the NDP affords office space to its staff union, UFCW local 232.

"There will always be entrenched interests that want to undermine the importance of labour rights. We are used to these smear jobs," said NDP Caucus Chair, Irene Mathysen. "But while Liberals join Conservatives in using anti-union sentiment to attack the NDP, New Democrats are proud our staff are unionized and we will never waver when it comes to defending workers and respecting collective bargaining rights."

**-NDP.ca**

## CUPE'S report card on Issues

	NDP	Conservatives	Liberals
<b>Retirement security</b> Protect our pensions and expand CPP	✓	X	✓
<b>Child care</b> \$15 a day national child care program	✓	X	X
<b>Health care</b> Reversing \$36 billion in Conservative cuts	✓	X	X
<b>Good jobs and the economy</b> Create good paying jobs by supporting public services and fighting privatization	✓	X	?
<b>Post-secondary education</b> Stable and predictable long term funding	✓	X	✓
<b>Airline safety</b> Work to restore health and safety regulations like the ratio of one flight attendant per 40 passengers	✓	X	X
<b>Civil liberties and human rights</b> Repeal C-51, respect aboriginal sovereignty and restore funding to women's and other development organizations	✓	X	X
<b>Workers' rights</b> Support free collective bargaining and repeal C-377 and C-525	✓	X	?
<b>Climate change</b> Federal leadership and action	✓	X	✓

**-CUPE**

plagued administrations in Canadian history. Mr. Harper's tenure coincided with the scandal of Rob Ford, the mayor of Toronto who admitted to smoking crack while in office and whose secret life came to light only when Gawker, an American website, broke the story. In a famous video at a Ford family barbecue, Mr. Harper praised the Fords as a "Conservative political dynasty."

Mr. Harper's appointments to the Senate — which in Canada is a mercifully impotent body employed strictly for political payoffs — have proved greedier than the norm. Mr. Harper's chief of staff was forced out for paying off a senator who fudged his expenses. The Mounties have pressed criminal charges.

After the 2011 election, a Conservative staffer, was convicted of using robocalls to send voters to the wrong polling places in Guelph, Ontario. In the words of the judge, he was guilty of "callous and blatant disregard for the right of people to vote." In advance of this election, instead of such petty ploys, the Canadian Conservatives have passed the Fair Elections Act, a law with a classically Orwellian title, which not only needlessly tightens the requirements for voting but also has restricted the chief executive of Elections Canada from promoting the act of voting. Mr. Harper seems to think that his job is to prevent democracy. But the worst of the Harper years is that all this secrecy and informational control have been at the service of no larger vision for the country. The policies that he has undertaken have been negligible — more irritating distractions than substantial changes. He is "tough on crime," and so he has built more prisons at great expense at the exact moment when even American conservatives have realized that over-incarceration causes more problems than it solves. Then there is a new law that allows the government to revoke citizenship for dual citizens convicted of terrorism or high treason — effectively creating levels of Canadian's and problems where none existed. The major foreign policy goal of his tenure was the Keystone Pipeline, which Mr. Harper ultimately failed to deliver. The Canadian dollar has returned to the low levels that once earned it the title of the northern peso. Despite being left in a luxurious position of strength after the global recession, he coasted on what he knew: oil. In the run-up to the election, the Bank of Canada has announced that Canada just had two straight quarters of contraction — the technical definition of a recession. He has been a poor manager by any metric. The early polls show Mr. Harper trailing, but he's beaten bad polls before. He has been prime minister for nearly a decade for a reason: He promised a steady and quiet life, undisturbed by painful facts. The Harper years have not been terrible; they've just been bland and purposeless. Mr. Harper represents the politics of willful ignorance. It has its attractions.

Whether or not he loses, he will leave Canada more ignorant than he found it. The real question for the coming election is a simple but grand one: Do Canadians like their country like that?

**-The NewYork Times by Stephen Marche**

## The Closing of the Canadian Mind

THE prime minister of Canada, Stephen Harper, has called an election for Oct. 19, but he doesn't want anyone to talk about it.

He has chosen not to participate in the traditional series of debates on national television, confronting his opponents in quieter, less public venues. His own campaign events were subject to gag orders until a public outcry forced him to rescind the forced silence of his supporters.

Mr. Harper's campaign for re-election has so far been utterly consistent with the personality trait that has defined his tenure as prime minister: his peculiar hatred for sharing information.

Americans have traditionally looked to Canada as a liberal haven, with gun control, universal health care and good public education. But the nine and half years of Mr. Harper's tenure have seen the slow-motion erosion of that reputation for open, responsible government. His stance has been a know-nothing conservatism, applied broadly and effectively. He has consistently limited the capacity of the public to understand what its government is doing, cloaking himself and his Conservative Party in an entitled secrecy, and the country in ignorance.

His relationship to the press is one of outright hostility. At his notoriously brief news conferences, his handlers vet every journalist, picking and choosing who can ask questions. In the usual give-and-take between press and politicians, the hurly-burly of any healthy democracy, he has simply removed the give.

Mr. Harper's war against science has been even more damaging to the capacity of Canadians to know what their government is doing. The prime minister's base of support is Alberta, a western province financially dependent on the oil industry, and he has been dedicated to protecting petrochemical companies from having their feelings hurt by any inconvenient research.

In 2012, he tried to defund government research centers in the High Arctic, and placed Canadian environmental scientists under gag orders. That year, National Research Council members were barred from discussing their work on snowfall with the media. Scientists for the governmental agency

Environment Canada, under threat of losing their jobs, have been banned from discussing their research without political approval. Mentions of federal climate change research in the Canadian press have dropped 80 percent. The union that represents federal scientists and other professionals has, for the first time in its history, abandoned neutrality to campaign against Mr. Harper.

His active promotion of ignorance extends into the functions of government itself. Most shockingly, he ended the mandatory long-form census, a decision protested by nearly 500 organizations in Canada, including the Canadian Medical Association, the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and the Canadian Catholic Council of Bishops. In the age of information, he has stripped Canada of its capacity to gather information about itself.

The darkness has resulted, organically, in one of the most scandal-

## 5 signs Stephen Harper's economic plan just isn't working



Conservatives talk a big game when it comes to managing the economy, but their record just doesn't match!

Here are 5 signs that Stephen Harper's economic plan just isn't working

1. We're heading for another recession. GDP – a leading economic indicator – shrank in April for the fourth consecutive month. The TD Bank thinks we may already be in a recession.
2. Thousands of Canadians are losing their jobs. 26,300 private sector jobs were lost last month alone, and more than 1.3 million Canadians are out of work in total – 200,000 more than before the last recession.
3. Manufacturing sales are down. Sales of Canadian manufacturing goods dropped by almost \$50 billion in April. That's the third decline in four months.
4. Retail sales are down, too. As the sector continues to reel from massive layoffs, and closures of stores like Future Shop and Target, sales fell again in April.
5. Private sector capital spending is in decline. This key metric of future economic performance is expected to fall by a whopping 7% this year.

When it comes to economic management, New Democrats have no lessons to take from Stephen Harper's Conservatives. It's no wonder that more and more Canadians are looking for change.

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# Join The Wave

When the NDP forms the next government and stops Stephen Harper's Conservatives and their harmful cuts to important social programs, endless government scandals, and their damaging actions to the environment we will see the beginning of a better Canada.

*I Support the NDP because I trust them to fight for us...*

*\*to make sure we can afford to retire;*

*\*to keep good jobs in our communities and access the employment insurance we're entitled to;*

*\*to ensure we get the front line health service we need;*

*\*to keep our air, water and soil safe for our families.*

*To win we need more voters and more supporters. It is an exciting time and I invite you to join the orange wave crossing Canada!*

*Call 1 866-525-2555 to donate! It takes only a few minutes and you will get 75% of your donation back in generous tax credits.*

*-Dave Thompson*

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\$0.01 to \$400

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