

## **Congress of Union Retirees of Canada**

### **Eleventh Constitutional Convention**

#### **“Building for the Future”**

**National Hotel, 361 Queen Street, Ottawa**

**October 22 – 25, 2013**

#### **AGENDA**

##### **Tuesday, October 22**

3:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.   ▶ Registration

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.   ▶ Panel: Ed Broadbent “Equality and the Importance of Unions”; and Hassan Yussuff “The Attack on Unions”

*Questions and Answers from floor plus since the panel will be webcast in both English and French, people watching on their computer can email in questions.*

9:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.   ▶ Reception – sponsored by Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association

*Photos of Ed, Hassan, and delegates will be taken by Jacob Fergus. Delegates can buy a copy of these on October 23<sup>rd</sup> for delivery later.*

## Wednesday, October 23

- 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. ▶ Registration
- 9:00 a.m. – Noon ▶ Welcome: Sean McKenny, President, Ottawa and District Labour Council
- ▶ Adoption of Agenda
- ▶ Remembrance of colleagues who have died in the past 2 years
- ▶ President’s Opening remarks
- ▶ Report of the Executive
- ▶ Treasurer’s Report
- ▶ Resolutions Committee
- Noon – 1:30 p.m. ▶ Women’s Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. ▶ Presentation by Mark Hennessy, CLC Political Action Director “Together Fairness Works”
- This will be a power point presentation on the CLC Campaign, with Question and Answer.*
- ▶ Resolutions Committee
- 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. ▶ Facebook Presentation by Frances Fitzgibbon-Cawston
- 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. ▶ Reception for MPs where focus will be to speak on value of unions.

*This reception will feature food, as well as drinks.*

## **Thursday, October 24**

- 9:00 a.m. – noon
- ▶ Presentation by Jean Belleville, Actuarial & Benefit Consultant S A I Actuarial Services Inc. “The future ain’t what it used to be”
  - ▶ Resolutions Committee
- noon – 1:30 p.m.
- ▶ Lunch
- 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- ▶ Presentations on CURC benefits programs by Anne Spencer, Canadian Benefits, and Ian Vincent, Impact Insurance Brokers
  - ▶ Election of Officers – chaired by Dan McNeil, Past President of CURC
  - ▶ New Developments in Home Care: The Saskatchewan Experience by Dawn McNeil, Executive Director for Home Care & Palliative Care, Regina Qu’Appelle Health Region, Saskatchewan
  - ▶ Resolutions Committee

## **Friday, October 25**

- 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
- ▶ CURC Award
  - ▶ Presentation by Julie White, Board member of the Canadian Health Coalition, on Pharmacare
  - ▶ Resolutions Committee
  - ▶ Emergency Resolutions
  - ▶ Closing

***Note: All sessions will have simultaneous translation.***

## **SOLIDARITY FOREVER**

*1. When the union's inspiration through the  
workers' blood shall run,  
There shall be no power greater anywhere  
beneath the sun,  
For what force on earth is weaker than  
the feeble strength of one,  
For the union makes us strong,*

*CHORUS: Solidarity forever  
Solidarity forever  
Solidarity forever  
For the union makes us strong*

*2. We're the women of the union  
and we've just begun to fight,  
We have learned of women's issues,  
we have learned of women's rights,  
We're prepared to stand for freedom,  
we're prepared to stand our ground,  
Women make the union strong.*

*CHORUS: .....*

*3. They have taken untold millions that they  
never toiled to earn,  
But without our brain and muscle not a  
single wheel could turn,  
We can break their haughty power, gain our  
freedom when we learn,  
That the union makes us strong.*