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Port Operator DP World Announces \$883M 2015 Profit

Port operator DP World on Thursday announced profits of \$883 million attributable to its owners for 2015, up 30.7 percent from the year before buoyed by its purchase of the Dubai government-linked free-trade zone operator Economic Zones World.

In its results, DP World said its full-year revenues for 2015 were \$3.9 billion, up 16.3 percent compared to revenues of \$3.4 billion in 2014. It recorded \$675 million in profit attributable to its owners in 2014.

DP World, majority-owned by the Dubai government through its Dubai World conglomerate, ranks among the world's largest port operators, with business at 70 marine terminals in 31 countries.

[More at ABC News](#)

News Release



Federal Budget 2016: First steps towards a fairer and more prosperous Canada

OTTAWA - The Canadian Labour Congress responded to today's federal budget announcement with optimism, saying it begins the important work of reinvesting in Canadian communities, creating jobs, addressing children's and seniors' poverty, and repairing the programs and services Canadians rely on.

"This budget is a step in the right direction for our economy, particularly the Employment Insurance improvements, which will make a big difference for unemployed Canadians, and help stimulate the local economies that need it most right now," said Canadian Labour Congress President Hassan Yussuff.

Yussuff also highlighted the government's infrastructure commitments: "I'm pleased to see significant funding for public transit, affordable housing, social infrastructure and green infrastructure. We can look forward to this creating jobs and helping to build communities

across Canada."

In terms of skills training and workforce development, Yussuff noted that the budget contained promising measures, but fell significantly short of what was promised in the government's election platform.

However, Yussuff said he was encouraged to see the government announce significant and long-overdue investments in First Nations communities, including support for education, child care and infrastructure, particularly water and wastewater infrastructure.

"It is inexcusable that in a nation like ours, a critical necessity like clean water is not available to all. I'm very glad to see the government recognize that and commit the funding necessary to end boil water advisories on reserve in five years," Yussuff said.

Finally, Yussuff said he was pleased to see the government's action on both child poverty and seniors' poverty in today's budget.

"Returning the OAS eligibility age to 65 and increasing the Guaranteed Income Supplement for single low-income seniors are important signs that this government believes seniors should not be forced to retire in poverty. The next step on this issue is universal expansion of the Canada Pension Plan," Yussuff added.

Other aspects of the 2016 budget the CLC highlighted include:

The government's budget projections maintain the Conservatives' reduced health care transfers to provinces and territories. The CLC said they are disappointed by that, but hopeful that continued talks between the Health Ministers will result in new, sustained funding for health care that allows our system to meet the needs of our aging population.

An additional \$245 million to welcome and resettle an additional 10,000 Syrian refugees to Canada. The CLC commended the government for this announcement, and pledged to continue unions' support for refugees.

Commitment to a National Early Learning and Child Care Framework, although no immediate investments are promised in the coming year outside of improvements to on-reserve child care facilities. The CLC believes families could have benefited by immediate, modest investments this year, to help provinces and territories begin to address child care access and affordability.

Restoration of the Court Challenges Program, an important service cut by the Conservatives that made financial assistance available to individuals and groups to assert their equality rights in Canada's courts.

Support for the automotive sector and the promotion of food safety. However, the CLC noted that these and many other positive aspects of the budget could be compromised if the government ratifies the Trans-Pacific Partnership.

ILWU International Executive Board endorses Bernie Sanders for US President

On Thursday March 24 I attended the IEB in San Francisco. I did not take part in the discussion or vote on the motion, being from Canada, but heard the debate. By a large margin the IEB decided to endorse Bernie Sanders, as the best choice for working people, to be President of the US. Below is the press release put out by the International.

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March 24, 2016

ILWU endorses Senator Bernie Sanders for President

SANFRANCISCO, CA- The ILWU's International Executive Board voted today to endorse U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders for President.

"Bernie Sanders is the best candidate for America's working families," said ILWU International President Robert McEllrath. "Bernie is best on the issues that matter most to American workers: better trade agreements, support for unions, fair wages, tuition for students and public colleges, Medicare for all, fighting a corrupt campaign finance system and confronting the power of Wall Street that's making life harder for most Americans."

Many longshore union members have expressed enthusiastic support for Sanders at the local level.

The ILWU represents approximately 50,000 women and men who work in California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska and Hawaii - in addition to ILWU Divisions representing workers in Canada and Panama.

BC Federation of Labour



What's happening this week at the BC Federation of Labour - March 24, 2016

1) BC FED REGIONAL CONFERENCE - GOOD JOBS, STRONG COMMUNITIES, MAY 13-14, KAMLOOPS

Join us to explore initiatives taking place that protect good jobs and build strong communities both locally and provincially. See attached poster.

For more information and to register: [BCFED Regional Conference](#)

2) FIGHT FOR \$15 ACTION - FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST

Living on minimum wage ain't no joke. Join us on April 1st to fight for \$15. See attached poster.

3) NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION - FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH

Join workers across Canada in the call for a \$15 minimum wage. See attached poster.

4) YOUNG WORKERS' SUMMIT - OCTOBER 23-25, SHAW CONVENTION CENTRE IN OTTAWA

This summit will bring together young workers, youth activists and allies to build young workers' power to address the changing nature of work, and empower young and new leadership in workplaces and unions. See attached poster.

For more information and to register: [Young Workers' Summit](#)

5) BCFED HEALTH & SAFETY CENTRE SUMMER SCHOOL - JUNE 6-10 AND JUNE 13-17

The BCFED Health & Safety Centre is offering several of our most popular courses in Whistler. Participants completing the full week will receive a "Certificate in OH&S Fundamentals." See attached poster.

Register at: [BCFED Health and Safety Centre](#)

BCFED MEDIA

March 8, 2016 - BCFED Statement on International Women's Day

March 7, 2016 - BCFED Remembering Women Farmworkers

More information at: [Media](#)

For more information about BC Federation of Labour events, campaigns, and current disputes, please visit our website at www.bcfed.ca.

BCFED REGIONAL CONFERENCE
GOOD JOBS, STRONG COMMUNITIES
May 13-14, 2016
KAMLOOPS

Join us to explore initiatives taking place that protect good jobs and build strong communities both locally and provincially.

The Conference will touch on local organizing efforts, labour history and leadership development. There will also be a focus on the upcoming provincial election and what's at stake for the labour movement.



All delegates are also invited to join us for a half-day field trip on Thursday, May 12th, to the Secwepemc Museum & Heritage Park and Chinese Heritage Cemetery.

Chinese Heritage Cemetery.

Register at:


conference.bcfed.ca/kamloops



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FIGHT FOR \$15 ACTION

FRIDAY, APRIL 1 2016 7:30 AM
COMMERCIAL-BROADWAY SKYTRAIN STATION

FIGHT FOR 15 

DMlab *move up*

JOIN WORKERS
ACROSS CANADA
IN THE CALL FOR A
\$15 MINIMUM WAGE

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NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION

CANADA PLACE | 5:00 PM

5:30 SPEECHES

999 Canada Pl, Vancouver

RAILWAY CLUB | 6:30 PM

AFTERPARTY

579 Dunsmuir St, Vancouver



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LAST
WEEK
THIS MORNING
WITH JOHN HORGAN



I started last week in Prince George, then headed south to Quesnel, Williams Lake and finally Vancouver. Everywhere I went, I spoke with British Columbians about affordability. Paying the bills is something we all have in common, and for so many in this province, it's

getting harder and harder to make ends meet.

[Click here to read the full report.](#)

Unionizing Uber: New front in battle over wildly successful ride-hailing app

Seattle became 1st city in North America to give Uber drivers the right to unionize late last year

By Chris Brown, Chris Corday, [CBC News](#) Posted: Mar 23, 2016 1:00 PM PT Last Updated: Mar 24, 2016 11:28 AM PT

There's a four-wheeled workers' revolution spinning through the streets of Seattle that could end up rolling over one of the most profitable business models of the so-called "sharing economy."

Drivers for the ride-hailing service Uber have been given the right to unionize by Seattle city council, the only jurisdiction in North America to do so.

The union drive brings the potential to achieve what regulators in cities around the world, including in Canada, have been mostly ineffective at doing - imposing local rules and labour standards on how Uber relates with its drivers.

"We have no say," Seattle Uber driver Don Creery told CBC News on a recent visit to the city. "We can email the company about issues, but they just get ignored. It seems the company has an agenda to push the prices as low as they can."

[Click here to read rest of story on cbc.com](#)

31st Miners Memorial Weekend

CUMBERLAND MUSEUM & ARCHIVES

The Cumberland and District Historical Society (Cumberland Museum and Archives) is dedicated to preserving and presenting the rich history of Cumberland and the surrounding region, and to serving as an important community anchor as the People's Museum of Cumberland.

CUMBERLANDMUSEUM.CA

HOW TO GET HERE

CUMBERLAND IS A 10 MINUTE DRIVE FROM COURTENAY OR ROYSTON, LOCATED IN THE COMOX VALLEY ON VANCOUVER ISLAND. FROM THE LOWER MAINLAND, BC, FERRIES SAIL FROM HORSESHOE BAY OR TSAWNASSEN TO NANAIMO. ALLOW 1 1/2 HOURS DRIVE ON HIGHWAY 99 OR 19A FROM NANAIMO TO THE VILLAGE OF CUMBERLAND.

CUMBERLAND LAKE PARK AND CAMPGROUND

LOCATED ON THE SHORES OF COMOX LAKE AND OFFERING A FOOD CONCESSION, SWIMMING, CAMPSITES AND MUCH MORE.

MINERS MEMORIAL WEEKEND

The 31st annual Miners Memorial Weekend, presented by the Cumberland Museum and Archives on Vancouver Island, is a celebration of workers and their families and a call for a renewed commitment for safe and healthy workplaces, justice and equity, and bread and roses for all.

The coal mines in Cumberland were some of the most dangerous in Canada, killing over 300 miners in accidents and countless others from work related illnesses. Appalling working conditions compelled miners to organize and connect with unions from across North America and internationally. Organizer Ginger Goodwin was shot and killed near Cumberland on July 27th, 1918, becoming an important symbol for the struggle of workers. His story is the subject of much song, fiery conversation and celebration in the Village.

Miners Memorial Weekend welcomes hundreds from across the West Coast and beyond for a weekend filled with song, camaraderie, learning, food and drink, passionate exchange and respectful remembrance. The diverse program includes workshops and readings, film, grave side vigils, guided tours, pub crawl, dinner with guest speakers, live music and more.

Saturday afternoon participants come together at the Cumberland Cemetery for a special ceremony. Organizations, families or individuals can order a fair trade bouquet for \$100 to be laid in their name on the graves of fallen miners and the families they left behind. All proceeds support museum programming and labour history exhibit development.

With support from the Campbell River, Courtenay and

31ST MINERS MEMORIAL WEEKEND

honouring workers yesterday and today

JUNE 16-18, 2016 CUMBERLAND, BC

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FOR ALTERNATIVE ACCOMMODATIONS AND MORE, VISIT
CUMBERLANDBC.INFO

District Labour Council, local musicians, artists, butchers, bakers and florists - Miners Memorial Weekend welcomes students, activists, union members, artists, families, observers and workers with open arms for an important acknowledgment of the blood, sweat and tears of our brothers and sisters from across time and around the world.

"...there are no foreigners in the working class, the only foreigner to our class is the capitalist class."

Joe Naylor

Waterfront News

Reminder

The Waterfront News is the newsletter produced by ILWU Canada and mailed to members several times per year. The Dispatcher is the newsletter produced by our International Union and is also mailed to members several times per year. ILWU Canada keeps an address database for both of these, but we only receive addresses from the Locals or the Members directly.



[Copies of past editions of the Waterfront News are available here:](#)

[Copies of past editions of the Dispatcher are available here:](#)

If you are a Member of the ILWU in Canada, or on the A or B boards in any of the Longshore Locals you are entitled to receive one or both of these. If you are not receiving it now you should contact your Local to make sure they have your current address.

You can also send us an e-mail at communicate@ilwu.ca or phone us at 604-254-8141 to update us.



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