

Labour Line

ARTICLES AND NEWS OF NOTE

The Home Line

Climate Emergency Motion at City Hall

Councillor Christine Boyle is bringing a motion [[link](#)] to City Council declaring a 'Climate Emergency'.

If you want to speak to the motion on Jan 15 you can sign up online [[link](#)].

You can also send a letter of support to City Hall [[link](#)]

BUY AMERICAN: THE UNTOLD STORY OF ECONOMIC NATIONALISM

Tracing the history and politics of economic nationalism from the American Revolution to the present, labor historian Dana Frank demonstrates how "Buy American" campaigns are not a new idea.

<https://www.chapters.indigo.ca/en-ca/books/buy-american-the-untold-story/9780807047118-item.html?ikwid=buy+american&ikwsec=Home&ikwidx=0>

Food-retail workers at Port McNeill, B.C., IGA ratify deal

The deal comes after a long battle, including three rounds of mediation at the B.C. Labour Relations Board

<https://www.labour-reporter.com/article/38984-food-retail-workers-at-port-mcneill-bc-iga-ratify-deal/>

On the absence of concerted-activity protections in Alberta

While Alberta's labour laws generally provide superior statutory protections than US laws, it is less clear if they offer better actual protection. That is to say, the paradox of poor employment laws is that they may compel workers to adopt more effective tactics to protect themselves than do better laws

<http://rankandfile.ca/on-the-absence-of-concerted-activity-protections-in-alberta/>

Canadian Air Traffic Controllers Buy Pizza For American Colleagues Affected By U.S. Government Shutdown

Canadian air traffic controllers are carrying out a simple, but heartfelt gesture for their American counterparts — they're buying them dinner amidst the U.S. government shutdown.

https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2019/01/12/canadian-air-traffic-controllers-buy-pizza-for-american-colleagues-affected-by-u-s-government-shutdown_a_23641079/

Interview: The Backstory to the Migrant Caravan Is Repression of Democracy and Labor in Honduras

The post-2009 coup regime, propped up by the U.S. government, has waged a war on workers and democracy, a crucial backstory to the migrant caravans arriving at the border.

<http://www.labornotes.org/blogs/2019/01/interview-backstory-migrant-caravan-repression-democracy-and-labor-honduras>

Bharat Bandh: Why Workers Brought India to a Halt for Two Days

An estimated 200 million workers across various sectors carried out a protest against the Modi government's 'anti-labour' policies.

<https://thewire.in/labour/bharat-bandh-central-trade-union-strike>