

Labour Line

ARTICLES AND NEWS OF NOTE

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Labour Canvas for Jagmeet in Burnaby South

The New Westminster & District Labour Council are encouraging labour activists from across the Lower Mainland to join them on February 9th to help get Jagmeet elected!

The by-election is on February 25th so it is critical to help get out the vote.

For more information, check out the New Westminster & District Labour Council Facebook Page.

New VPL Board Chair

Last Wednesday saw the inaugural board meeting for 2019. Trustees elected John Schaub to be their new chair. John is entering his 7th year on the VPL board.

For more information see John's VPL profile: <https://www.vpl.ca/person/john-schaub>

So much for the labor movement's funeral.

Last years US Supreme court decision *Janus v. AFSCME* was expected to threaten the lifeblood of the American labor movement. Instead the unions have rebounded and are seeing resurgence in member engagement.

https://wapo.st/2G0Wz92?tid=ss_tw&utm_term=.48d23f38cac2

Museum Workers Draw Up Union Contracts to Combat Low Pay

As wages stagnate and job security remains tenuous, museum workers have started organizing and becoming unionized. Of particular concern is that low wages allow only those from wealthier economic backgrounds to live off the salary.

<https://news.bloomberglaw.com/daily-labor-report/museum-workers-draw-up-union-contracts-to-combat-low-pay>

Aldergrove Subway owner fined thousands for wage violations after provincial investigation

Two Subway stores were fined this week for violations to the Employment Standards Act. They were also forced to provide retroactive pay to 18 of their employees. Employment lawyers hope the NDP government will improve ESA to encourage employees to speak out against unfair working conditions.

<https://globalnews.ca/news/4883890/aldergrove-subway-owner-fined-investigation/>

Los Angeles Teachers Have Approved a Contract to End Their Six-Day Strike

The 2nd largest teachers union in the US has reached an agreement that will see a pay increase and an decrease in class size. There will also be an increase in support staff including nurses, counselors, and librarians.

<http://time.com/5510423/los-angeles-teachers-strike-ends/>