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AUGUST 23, 2010

The Brantford and District Labour Council (BDLC) In conjunction with the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) , Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) and the Brantford Strike Action Coalition would like to announce two major events planned for August 23 , 2010 in support of Members of USW local 1-500 who will mark their 2nd anniversary on the picket line.

This event was planned to expose and dissect the injustice being waged against workers at Engineered Coated Products (ECP) in Brantford Ontario . ECP is an American company with two Plants in Canada. ECP LP is located in Langley British Columbia and ECP's other facility is in Brantford Ontario. Our Summit will focus on how one company can treat each unit so differently. How a lack of legislation can lead to what amounts to "Legal Discrimination" against the Brantford workers. Respect in British Columbia and total contempt in Ontario. ECP has made USW local 1-500 the new "Poster Child "for our Campaign for Anti Scab Legislation reinstatement in this province.

Summit Open Session (9:30 am – 10 :45 am)

Brantford District Labour Centre
1100 Clarence Street S

Join Sid Ryan - OFL President, CLC Executive Vice President Marie Clarke Walker, CUPE Ontario President Fred Hahn, Labour Critic Chris Charlton MP for Hamilton Mountain and a growing list of Provincial & Local Union Leaders and Provincial Politicians. Many Brantford City Council incumbents and candidates have also committed to attending this important Session and Panel discussion.

Media Break (10:45 am - 11:00 am)

Summit Closed Session (11:00 am -12 pm)

Union Leaders will caucus to review the open session and develop an action plan which will be announced and highlighted as speakers address the Rally in the afternoon.

USW 1-500 SOLIDARITY RALLY / BBQ

ECP Picket Line
369 Elgin Street

The rally will open with Words Solidarity & Music of Steve Sinnicks 12 pm -1pm

Official Welcome - 1:00 pm
Garry MacDonald - President BDLC

Introduction of Speakers and Honored Guests 1:05
Don Guest -1st Vice President BDLC

1:10 pm
Keynote Speakers
Sid Ryan OFL President
Marie Clarke Walker –CLC Vice President
Fred Hahn – CUPE Ontario President
Chris Charlton MP Hamilton Mountain
Plus many more

BBQ is being sponsored by the Hamilton Steelworkers Area Council and will take place throughout the festivities.

The Brantford Labour Council encourages everyone to visit the BDLC website for more updates, boycott info and rally bussing details. Those on facebook are encouraged to join our Anti Scab Summit event that is linked on the website or below

www.brantfordlabourcouncil.ca

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=134112699958385>

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**THE BRANTFORD & DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL
WILL BE MARKING THE 2ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE
USW LOCAL 1-500 / ECP STRIKE WITH
TWO MAJOR EVENTS**

ANTI SCAB Summit

Brantford & District Labour Centre
1100 Clarence Street South 9:30 am to 11:30 am

**JOIN A GROWING COALITION OF UNIONS
AND THEIR LEADERS AS THEY CONVERGE
TO DISSECT AND EXPOSE THE
REAL ISSUES OF THE ECP / USW DISPUTE**

Learn how this happened and why our government
has done nothing to stop this assault on
workers in Ontario.

**APRIL 2010 ECP SETTLED WITHOUT
INCIDENCE WITH ITS UNION
AT A SISTER PLANT IN
BRITISH COLUMBIA BECAUSE OF
Progressive Anti SCAB legislation in BC.**

But not In Ontario ? ECP are enabled by the lack
of legislation and have free rein to attack our
members with a vengeance .

Backed by obscene concession demands ,court
injunctions, AFI Security goons , bus loads of
SCABS and a police force located just a block from
the line, they are all working with
ECP to break the Union.

Brantford City Council passed a resolution calling
for reinstatement of Anti Scab Legislation
repealed by the Mike Harris Tories.
To date this resolution has been ignored by
Dalton McGuinty's Liberal Government.

**86 MEMBERS HAVE STOOD IN 100%
SOLIDARITY FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS.
THE MEMBERS OF LOCAL 1-500
HAVE SLOWLY BECOME:**

The Poster Child for Anti SCAB Legislation

www.brantfordlabourcouncil.ca



AUGUST 23, 2010

**SOLIDARITY
Rally & BBQ**

**ECP PICKET
LINE**

369 Elgin St.

12 pm - 5 pm

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The Brantford Expositor

OFL holds summit in support of ECP workers;

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Ontario Federation of Labour president Sid Ryan will be in Brantford on Monday to participate in a labour summit organized in support of striking ECP workers.

The workers will be marking their second anniversary on the picket line on Monday.

Billed as an anti-scab summit, the event will include representatives from the Canadian Labour Congress, CUPE Ontario as well as local municipal leaders and mayoral candidates. It is being organized by the Brantford and District Labour Council and is being held at the labour centre on Clarence Street.

Organizers say the event will begin with an open session from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. followed by a press conference for local media. Labour leaders will then meet in a closed session to develop an action plan and talk about an afternoon rally at the ECP picket line.

Speakers at the rally include Ryan, Marie Clarke Walker, a Canadian Labour Congress vice-president, Fred Hahn, president of CUPE Ontario and Hamilton Mountain MP Chris Charlton. The event will also include a barbecue sponsored by the Hamilton Steelworkers Area Council.

Workers at ECP on Elgin Street, Brantford have been on strike since Aug. 23, 2008. The approximately 80 workers are represented by the United Steelworkers Local 1-500 and they walked off the job after the company demanded wage concessions and cuts to benefits and pension plans.

Union officials have said the company had demanded wage concessions of about 25 per cent and said ECP rejected a proposal from the workers which would see them take a 12 per cent cut in wages. Company officials have said wage concessions and rollbacks were necessary to keep the Brantford plant viable but haven't publicly stated a figure.

Company officials have also said they plan to keep the plant open.

ECP is part of the Intertape Polymer Group that operates 10 plants in North America.

The company has been bringing in replacement workers to keep the plant running for well over a year now and workers say that without provincial anti-scab legislation, the company has little incentive to negotiate with the workers.

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