



CUPW

Calgary Local #710

Occupy Calgary

October 15th, 2011

1:00 pm at Bankers Hall – 8th Avenue Entrance

We, the 99%, will be taking action against the greed and corruption of the 1% by means of a peaceful protest on Saturday, October 15th. We will occupy the public area in front of and around Banker's Hall on Stephen Avenue (8th Ave SW) as an act of solidarity against mass injustice.

As one people, united, we acknowledge the reality: that the future of the human race requires the cooperation of its members, and that our social institutions must be organized around the needs of people and the limits of the planet and not around profit motive. Upon corruption of that system, it is up to us to protect our communities. True democracies derive their power from the people and yet we are living in a time when corporations have untapped influence on our governments, resulting in the valuing of profit over people, self-interest over justice, and resulting in oppression over equality. We are being denied a voice in the democratic process of resource allocation, while corporations extract wealth from the people and the planet without our consent. Our peaceful assembly seeks to spark a discussion of these conditions with the hope of reclaiming power over our communities.

October 15th, 2011, is a day, worldwide, where people from all walks of life are taking to the streets, making a statement that they have had enough of being told their voices don't count. There is a sense of renewed hope arising that fundamental change is possible. The gap of disparity between rich and poor, has increasingly widened over the last several decades and currently Canada's has the fastest growing rate of disparity in the world. While the 1% flourishes, young people carry huge student debts as do families trying to sustain a decent quality of life. Corporations pillage the planet for huge profits, while many of us are left wondering how resource shortages and climate change will impact future generations and life on this planet.

We stand in solidarity with the Occupy Wall Street movement (OWS), which has been reported by the Daily Kos as now grown to 200+ cities across North America, up to 800+ cities world wide. We broadly endorse the Declaration of the Occupation of New York City accepted by the NYC General Assembly on September 29, 2011. While we share many of the issues raised by our sisters and brothers in the US, Calgary is a unique place with problems that are specific to it. Participants of Occupy Calgary are already developing a collective critique of our local society and its relationship to the global economy while standing up for a world where quality of life and the progress of humanity is made a priority over isolated profit gain. We hope that the general assembly of Occupy Calgary will engage local citizens in a discussion that will result in a formal statement representing our consensus, akin to NYC's Declaration. We are committed to developing direct democracy, engaging as many people as possible and creating a better world for the betterment of all its members.

The Other 99%

Anna Beale

President, CUPW-Calgary Local

Thursday October 13, 2011

October 14, 2011

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The Canadian Union of Postal Workers supports the growing numbers of those who are peacefully and creatively occupying Wall Street and elsewhere.

We join the call to end the plutocracy – the rule of the rich – and the stark inequality it creates. As workers and as people, we demand a better and fairer distribution of wealth in our society.

When 48,000 CUPW members went on a nation-wide rotating strike this June, we struck against austerity measures imposed on us by a highly paid CEO, appointed and supported by a neo-liberal government.

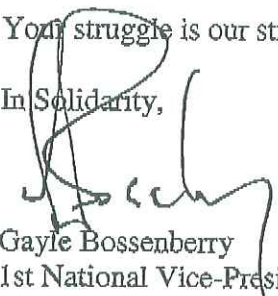
- We went on strike because they want to cut the pensions of new hires.
- We went on strike because they want to cut the wages of the next generation of workers.
- We went on strike because they value profits more than they value the health and safety of our members.
- We went on strike because they are attacking the public postal service that belongs to all of us.

Management then locked us out to give the government a pretext to enact punitive legislation forcing CUPW members back to work - legislation that blatantly gives the upper hand to the executives.

This is the plutocracy in action and we have to fight them everywhere. We stand with women, the poor, first nations people, pensioners, students, environmentalists and everyone who is prepared to struggle for justice. We will never stop fighting.

Your struggle is our struggle. We are part of the 99%.

In Solidarity,



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