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Labour Day 2026 - Workers Together: For Our Jobs and Our Rights

This Labour Day, CUPW is proud to join our brothers, sisters, and friends across the labour movement to defend our jobs, our rights, our services, and a better future. The 2026 Labour Day theme, "Workers Together: For Our Jobs and Our Rights," reminds us that when we stand united, we can overcome any challenge.

Across the country, workers are facing growing anxiety and uncertainty. Families continue to feel pressured by rising costs, economic instability and trade conflicts that threaten our livelihoods. At the same time, there are growing concerns the government is using United States threats against our economic sovereignty to weaken our collective bargaining rights and our right to strike. This is an assault on both Canadian Charter rights and international human rights. We need to protect and strengthen them, not gut them. CUPW members have been at the forefront of these struggles. We know that fair wages, good jobs, safe workplaces, and strong public services are never handed to us without a fight. They are won when workers organize, stand together, and refuse to accept less than they deserve.

This Labour Day, we must send a clear message: a strong economy depends on strong workers and strong unions. Our country is strongest when workers have a real voice, when collective bargaining is respected, and when public investments create good union jobs in our communities.

We reject any attempt to make workers' pay the price for economic crises they did not create while corporations continue to reap record profits and gouge workers. We will continue to fight to expand public services and strengthen job security and stronger labour protections.

This Labour Day, let us remember that together: we have the power to defend our rights, protect our jobs, and build a fairer country for everyone.

Labour Day events are taking place in communities across the country. Join your local labour council, wear your union colours, and stand proudly alongside fellow workers. Together, we can show the strength and solidarity of the labour movement.

In solidarity,

Jan Simpson
National President

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