

Labour councils bring union members from different unions together, at the community level

We are active in every aspect of the economic, social, and political life of Canadians: from working for fair wages and safe working conditions, to universal health care, equality rights, a sustainable environment, and much, much more.

Members of unions that form the Fraser Valley Labour Council work at almost every type of job. You can find them in **offices, supermarkets, factories, forests, the media, construction sites, hospitals, schools, transportation systems,** and even the **corner coffee shop.**

The Fraser Valley Labour Council is a chartered body of the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC). With more than 3 million unionized workers in Canada, we are everywhere, including your community.

We are new. The Fraser Valley Labour Council was chartered in February 2007. We already have close to **12,000 members** affiliated. We represent union members in the **Fraser Valley and Canyon, from Abbotsford, Chilliwack, Hope, Mission, Agassiz, Harrison, Lytton, and Boston Bar** areas.

What you can do

Find out more about unions.

- If you or someone you know is looking for better pay and benefits – find out about joining a union. Call the Canadian Labour Congress or our labour council office to get in touch with a union organizer.
- Support the labour movement's campaigns to improve labour laws to make joining a union easier. It's a question of equality.
- Work on election campaigns, lobby and support candidates that work hard for working people.

Join in

- Attend a labour council meeting or event.

TO GET IN TOUCH WITH US

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We meet the third Wednesday of every month at the Abbotsford District Teachers' Association office, 2570 Cyril Street in Abbotsford from 7-9 pm.



Bringing union members together



What does the Fraser Valley Labour Council do?

- Provides labour education
- Lobbies governments on workers' issues and rights
- Works on campaigns to support working families' issues
- Helps to organize more union members
- Helps to build stronger communities



How we work

The Fraser Valley Labour Council committed early in its development to a participatory and inclusive structure which encourages union delegates to get involved. Through community-based activities and active meeting styles, delegates join in and work to create our success. Each meeting has a working session with planned goals to achieve in three key areas: Education, Political Action, and Organizing.

DID YOU KNOW?

7.4 million Canadian workers (approximately half the country's workforce) live in households where there is at least one union member.

We're part of the Union Advantage

For more than half a century the Canadian Labour Congress and its affiliated unions have been the unified voice for working families. The Fraser Valley Labour Council is a part of that now.

Unionized workers have better job security, which results in more security for their families. Unions bargain for better wages and working conditions, better pensions and benefits, safer workplaces, and protection from unfairness in the workplace.

When working people do well, their workplaces thrive, our communities are stronger, and we have a better country.

It means having someone in your corner, bringing fairness and balance into the workplace.

CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITIES AS WORKING CITIZENS

While our victories come in many forms, our goals are always the same — to get results for working people and demonstrate what can be accomplished when we work together in solidarity. If you are not organized but want to join a union, the Fraser Valley Labour Council can put you in touch with a union organizer in your area.

For the labour movement, working people are more than just union members. They are also working citizens who understand that the decisions made at the legislature in Victoria, City Hall, or by the local town council, are connected to the bargaining table and the workplace.

They know that beyond what their unions can bargain in their collective agreements, political decisions can improve or negatively affect their quality of life and the standard of living enjoyed by their families and their communities. **Without the important work of grassroots local leaders and activists, social progress would be impossible.**

The Fraser Valley Labour Council works with community-based organizations that share the values, the goals, and concerns of working people and their families.