



ONTARIO FEDERATION OF LABOUR

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Canadian Labour Congress
Congrès du travail du Canada

February 4, 2010

To: All Affiliates

OFL-CLC PENSION SUMMIT

PARK HYATT, TORONTO
4 Avenue Road

Saturday, March 27, 2010

Brothers and Sisters:

The future of Canadians' retirement security hangs in the balance.

Pension reform is being debated this Spring. Federal and provincial finance ministers have promised to consult with Canadians and report back by May. The usual voices are advocating for a system that will benefit the financial industry and the wealthy. The CLC has waged a successful campaign to ensure that the interests of workers are not forgotten in this debate. Labour is advocating for an expansion of the Canada Pension Plan. This safe, low-cost alternative will benefit all workers in every sector of the economy.

Labour's vision and alternative is on the table, but we are fighting against powerful interests. We are asking you to add your voice to this debate. Join us for a one-day pension summit in Toronto on March 27. High profile speakers will discuss the causes of the crisis and the failures of the current pension system. You will hear a debate about solutions for the pension system. You will learn how to apply the strategies from past successes in expanding our social safety net. We need a show of force to send a message to politicians that they have to consider the retirement needs of all Canadians.

The summit will take place on Saturday, March 27, 2010, at the Park Hyatt Hotel, 4 Avenue Road, Toronto, commencing at 9:00 a.m. The registration fee is \$125 per delegate (*fee will be waived for retirees*).

Hotel and Travel

For participants requiring overnight accommodations, a block of rooms have been set aside at the Park Hyatt Hotel at a special room rate of \$149 per night. **Reservations can be made by calling WE Travel: (888) 676-7747 or (613) 232-9908 or on-line at www.wetravel.net**

Travel arrangements have been negotiated a rate by way of Air Canada and VIA Rail. If making your own reservations with these carriers please quote the following file numbers: **Air Canada: XQ6YX7F1 -- VIA Rail: 119 17.** However, travel arrangements can also be made through WE Travel.

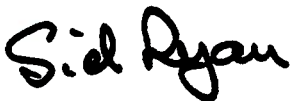
Accommodations for delegates with disabilities are available. Please complete the attached Personal Assistance Request Form and return no later than March 19, 2010.

We also provide child care to conference delegates. To confirm arrangements please complete the attached Child Care Registration Form and return by March 19, 2010.

Additional information and conference forms can be found on the OFL website at www.ofl.ca.

We hope to see you on March 27th.

In solidarity,



Sid Ryan
President
Ontario Federation of Labour



Ken Georgetti
President
Canadian Labour Congress

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OFL-CLC Pension Summit Toronto, ON

When: Saturday, March 27, 2010

Where: Park Hyatt Toronto
4 Avenue Road, Toronto

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Cost: \$125.00 (Retirees No Charge)

CAN YOU RETIRE WITH DIGNITY?

The bad news:

- Employers are not keeping their pension promises
- More than 60 per cent of Ontarians don't have a workplace pension
- Almost half a million seniors in Ontario live on less than \$15,000 per year

The good news:

- It doesn't have to be this way
- Canadians **can** have a fair and secure pension system
- This is our "medicare moment" to get the pension reform Canadians need

That's why the Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL), in co-operation with the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC), is holding a one-day Pension Summit in Toronto.

We will host a diverse audience and let the best ideas guide us

Mark your calendars now for March 27th

This will be a turning point in Canada's great pension debate

You will need to register early as space will be limited

For more information: Kathy Neumann (416) 443-7674 or 1-800-668-9138.

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Pension Summit

AGENDA

Panel One: Pensions and the Economic Crisis

1. What are the causes of the pension crisis?
2. What caused the economic meltdown in 2008?
3. What financial and regulatory changes are needed to increase security of private pension plans?

Panel Two: Our Pension Stories

Listen to Ontarians tell their pension stories. Retirees whose retirement dreams have been shattered; older workers who are facing uncertainty after long years of contributing to a pension plan; a young worker who has never had a job that offered a pension; a woman working in the private sector who is facing retirement without enough income.

Share your stories.

LUNCH BREAK

Panel Three: Retirement Security for Everyone – How is it Possible?

- ✚ A debate about the direction pension reform should take.
- ✚ Listen to a debate between an advocate for an expansion of the Canada Pension Plan and an advocate for private savings solution.

Ask your questions about the future of pension system.

Closing Speaker

Monique Begin, former Minister of Health -- Invited

What are the lessons from the successful battle for Medicare that we can apply to the struggle for an expanded Canada Pension Plan?



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4 Avenue Road, Toronto, ON
March 27, 2010 - 9:00 a.m.

**OFL-CLC PENSION SUMMIT
REGISTRATION FORM**

Organization _____ Local No. _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone [Work] _____ [Home] _____

[Fax] _____ [E-mail] . _____

SUMMIT FEE \$125.00 (Retirees No Charge)

Please print clearly. Photocopy extra forms if needed.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	ADDRESS	POSTAL CODE

Enclosed is a cheque in the amount of \$ _____ which covers _____ delegate(s).

Please complete and return form with cheque payable to "OFL Pension Summit" no later than **March 19 2010**, addressed to **Kathy Neumann, OFL, 15 Gervais Drive, Suite 202, Toronto, ON M3C 1Y8** Tel: 416-443-7674, Toll Free 1-800-668-9138, Fax: 416-441-0722. If child care is required, please complete the form enclosed.

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**CHILD CARE
REGISTRATION FORM**

Return by March 19, 2010

Number of children requiring child care _____

Last Name	First Name	Age	Sex	Health Card #

Childcare will be provided from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Does your child(ren) have any special dietary or medical requirements? _____

Does your child(ren) have a nap during the day? _____

I give permission for my child(ren) to participate in an excursion _____

Any special requirements for your child(ren) (bottles, diapers, special food) should accompany the child(ren).

Unfortunately, due to prohibitive costs, **child care will not be provided if less than ten (10) children register.** If this happens, you will be contacted by phone.

RELEASE FORM

I hereby release the Ontario Federation of Labour from any and all claims for damages to the safety or health of my child(ren), however caused.

Name of Delegate _____

Organization _____ Local No. _____

Address _____ City/Town _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone [work] _____ [home] _____ Email: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

Please complete and return form by March 19, 2010, to Kathy Neumann, OFL, 202-15 Gervais Drive Toronto, ON M3C 1Y8 or by Fax at 416-441-0722 – Toll Free #: 1-800-668-9138.

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ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN BY MARCH 19, 2010

If you require any special type of assistance, please complete the form below and return it to the Ontario Federation of Labour no later than **March 19, 2010**. The Ontario Federation of Labour will endeavour to make the appropriate arrangements.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

AFFILIATE UNION: _____

PHONE NUMBER during working hours: _____

_____ Mobility impaired

_____ Blind or visually impaired

_____ Will you be accompanied by a guide dog?

_____ Use of a wheelchair

_____ Deaf or hearing impaired

_____ Will you have an attendant with you?

TYPE OF SERVICE

Do you require material in alternate media?

_____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please specify:

What services, if any, do you require if you are deaf, hearing impaired, blind or visually impaired?

Please specify:

Do you require special assistance in the event of an emergency?

_____ Yes _____ No

Please provide details if you require attendant services:

Other comments:

Please complete and return by **March 19, 2010** to:

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ALLERGY ALERT

Increasingly, workers are becoming sensitized to chemicals in the environment.

For many workers, attending conferences and being exposed to perfumes and other strong scents can pose a serious health risk.

In the interest of the health and safety of the sisters and brothers whose health may suffer from these exposures, we ask that conference participants refrain from the use of scented products such as perfume and aftershave while in attendance at the conference.

NOTE: All OFL events are *non-smoking*.

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