



Cory Anderson Bargaining Committee, Pierre-Luc Dick USW 1944 VP, Donna Hokirot USW 1944 President, Michelle Ravary Chair of the Political Action Committee, Ross Brown Bargaining Committee

It is time for the government to play a key role in keeping jobs in Canada and incentivizing companies to rely on Canadian labour. In addition, the delegation wanted to highlight the need for effective federal anti-scab laws and raise awareness among MPs. Anti-scab laws allow some provinces, such as Quebec and British Columbia, to ban replacement workers (scabs) during a strike. However, despite these laws, workers in federally regulated industries, such as telecommunications, cannot benefit from these same protections.

Highlights of the trip included a [press conference](#) in which President Hokirot spoke about the unpatriotic character of Telus shipping jobs overseas, and a speech made in parliament by NDP MP Matthew Green calling on the government to stop companies like Telus from harming Canadian workers.



Brett Barden District 3, Cory Anderson Bargaining Committee, Shaker Jamal Staff Representative, Jayson Little Staff Representative, Michelle Ravary Chair of the Political Action Committee, Ross Brown Bargaining Committee, Pierre-Luc Dick USW 1944 VP, Heather McPherson NDP MP for Edmonton Strathcona, Donna Hokirot USW 1944 President

LOCAL 1944 GOES TO PARLIAMENT

At the end of November, during a break from federal conciliation, President Donna Hokirot, Vice President Pierre-Luc Dick, members of the Executive Board and Bargaining Committee, and USW staff took their fight to Ottawa. From November 28 to 30, they met with Members of Parliament to urge federal action on Telus offshoring Canadian jobs, anti-scab laws, and procurement policies.

The Union's delegation met with NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh, several MPs from the NDP, the Bloc Québécois, and the Liberals to express our concerns about offshoring. Over the past 20 years, Telus has transferred 11,000 unionized Canadian jobs overseas, increasing its foreign workforce by more than 70,000.



Back row: Cory Anderson Bargaining Committee, Brett Barden District 3, Jayson Little Staff Representative, Front row: Michelle Ravary Chair of the Political Action Committee, Jagmeet Singh Federal NDP leader, Donna Hokirot USW 1944 President, Pierre-Luc Dick USW 1944 VP, Ross Brown Bargaining Committee



Cory Anderson Bargaining Committee, Michelle Ravary Chair of the Political Action Committee, Maxime Blanchette-Joncas Bloc Québécois MP, Louise Chabot Bloc Québécois MP, Donna Hokirot USW 1944 President, George Soule Legislative Staff Representative, Ross Brown Bargaining Committee, Brett Barden District 3, Pierre-Luc Dick USW 1944 VP

LEAFLETING IN TORONTO

The Canadian Telecom Summit was happening in Toronto from November 21 to 23, and USW Local 1944 and the Canadian National Office were there to inform the most influential people in the Canadian telecommunications industry by distributing leaflets bringing awareness to the many issues at the Bargaining Table. That was one of the many leafleting events that took place in November!



Stevan Nikolovski, Michelle Ravary & Kyle Woon Sam from Unit 502 and CNO Allies



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LEAFLETING AT TELUS GARDEN



USW1944 Delegates to the BC Federation of Labour Convention, rank and file, and Officers alike, took to the mics to bring awareness to the delegation regarding Telus' concessionary demands concerning wages, pension, and benefits at the Bargaining Table.

However, Solidarity inside the Labour movement shows that this will not stand as the Fed took to the streets in a leafleting campaign to bring awareness to the public at Telus HQ's.



At the mic during BC Fed Convention: Corey Mandryk BC Regional Executive Officer. Followed by: Kandis Kiland Unit 53, Alina Gherghinoiu BC Regional Executive Officer, Neil Marshall Unit 32, Brian Spain Unit 36, Craig Pilon Unit 4, Norm Leffler Unit 32



Supporters from other Steel Locals, and even other Unions, #RiseUP together during the BC Fed Convention

LEAFLETING AT METROTOWN



Members from USW also showed up to leaflet in front of a Telus store in Metrotown Mall in Burnaby regarding concessions at the Bargaining table.



DID YOU KNOW?



Telus made record profits through the pandemic. They continue this trend with their highest ever Q2 profit in 2022. Yet they are seeking concessions on our jobs, pension, and health benefits.



Telus continues to offshore thousands of good paying Canadian jobs. Their competition has brought their customer service jobs back to Canada. Why can't Telus?



In 2020 we saw multiple offshore offices closed because of COVID-19. Local 1944 workers kept Canadians connected through the pandemic.



Telus' practice of sending good paying Canadian jobs overseas and their exploitive reliance on underpaid contractors must stop now!

USW Local 1944 Represents thousands of Telus workers in Canada. We are in contract negotiations with Telus and they have tabled concessions to our job security, pension, and benefits.

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LEAFLETING IN CALGARY



Lana Kotyk & Robin Navin from Unit 203



Jenn Turner Chair Unit 203, Steve Durrell Local Union Representative



Helen Young & Isabelle Chayer from ADT Bargaining Committee

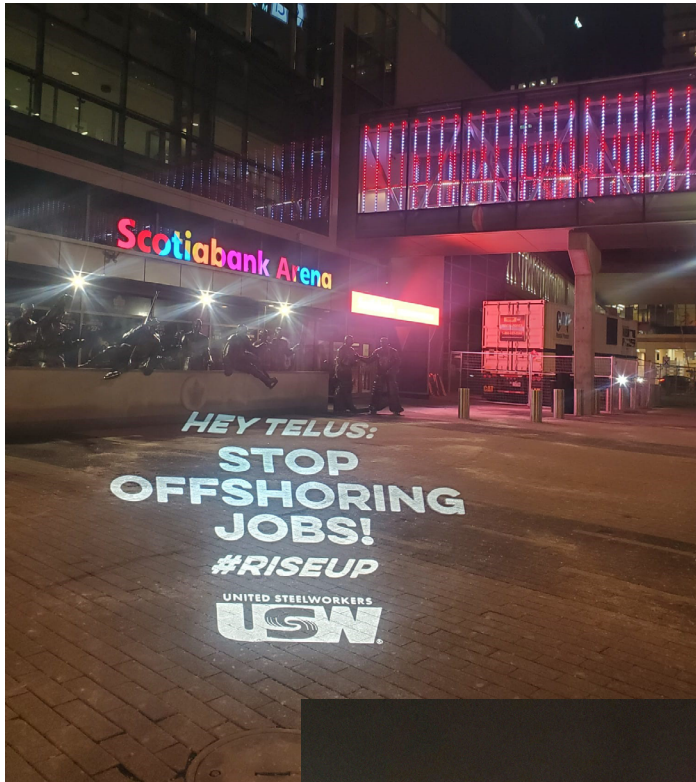
For two days, we were also at Telus Sky and LenWerry building in Calgary leafletting and definitely “making a difference!”



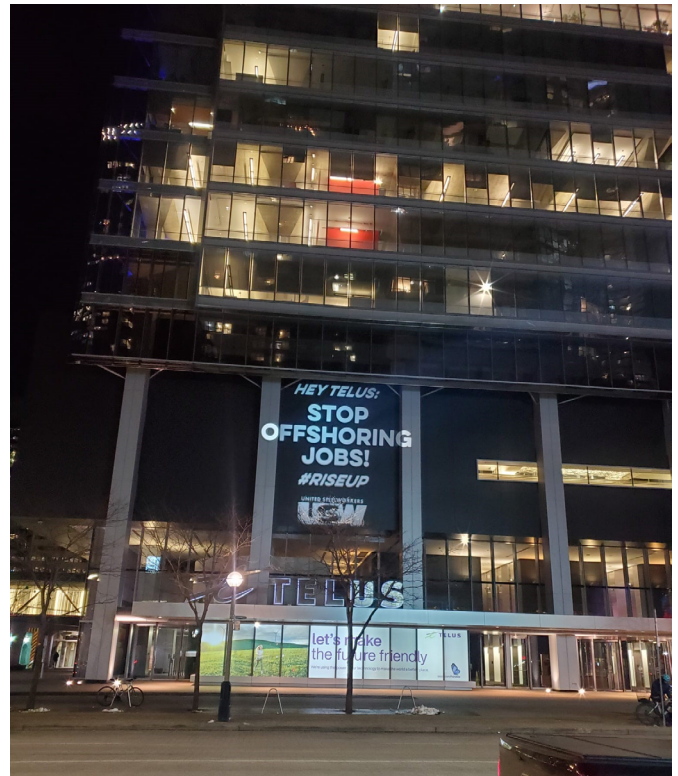
Steve McWhirter Local Union Representative, Helen Young, Isabelle Chayer & Blama Kanneh from ADT Bargaining Committee, Steve Durrell Local Union Representative

BATLIGHT #RISEUP

During the Canadian Telecom Summit, in Toronto, our #RiseUP Batlight shined EVERYWHERE and finally landed on the Rogers Centre.



Scotiabank Arena



Telus Building on York Street



International Centre, home of the Canadian Telecom Summit



Consilium Place in Scarborough

BC FED CONVENTION



Kandis Kiland Unit 53, Neil Marshall Unit 32, Alina Gherghinoiu BC Regional Executive Officer, Norm Leffler Unit 32, Craig Pilon Unit 4, Brian Spain Unit 36, Corey Mandryk BC Regional Executive Officer

From November 21 to 25, the 60th Convention of the BC Federation of Labour took place in Vancouver under the theme “Workers Front and Centre.” For this occasion, many delegates from United Steelworkers Local 1944 were present to participate in debates and forums on various current topics. Among the topics were women and gender rights, racism, climate change, health and safety, the challenges faced by 2SLGBTQIA+ members and many other themes that affect not only workers, but all Canadians.

This 60th BCFed Convention has also been punctuated by distinguished guests such as NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh, BC Premier David Eby, and Canadian Labour Congress President Bea Bruske.



Elaine Alec, author of the book “Calling My Spirit Back”

We also heard moving stories from Indigenous author Elaine Alec. While going through the Indigenous Rights & Reconciliation Committee resolutions, she talked about the horrors of residential schools and their impact on all the communities.



These guests and other speakers took turns talking about sensitive subjects that impact both the workplace and society in general, in addition to providing pieces of advice and solutions for working together toward collective improvement. The committee for Community and Social action made several recommendations on homeless and affordable housing.



Grand Chief Stewart Philip, President of the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs

Grand Chief Stewart Philip gave a heartfelt speech about the history and his constant efforts toward reconciliation. He believes it is up to the people to keep working and talking so that our children and grandchildren don't have to live in these conditions. He finished by saying we must move forward in unity to succeed in improving things.

OUR #RISEUP FLAG CONTINUES ITS JOURNEY



Unit 22 - Penticton - Plant



Unit 43 - Powell River/Sechelt - Plant

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USW1944.CA
for updates and
info on when/
where to sign
the flag when it
comes to your
Unit!



Unit 36 - Cranbrook- Plant