

Vancouver & District Labour Council



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VDLC Supports #AllOnBoard Campaign

The Vancouver and District Labour Council (VDLC) is calling for action on transit affordability, which it says can be achieved through implementing the demands of the #AllOnBoard campaign.

“Transit fares have increased steadily in recent years, and BC has no affordability measures in place to ensure equitable access to transit services regardless of income,” President Stephen von Sychowski said. “When fares become unaffordable it can cause serious, even life-altering, problems for those who rely on transit to get around. It can also lead to a decrease in transit ridership and an increase in fare evasion.”

#AllOnBoard, a movement made up of an alliance of coalitions, community groups, and unions, calls for free transit for youth under eighteen years of age, and a sliding scale monthly pass system based on income.

“We all know that affordability is the first issue on the minds of many British Columbians, especially here in the lower mainland,” von Sychowski said. “These proposals are part of solving that puzzle, while also doing something good for the environment, combating poverty, and reducing traffic congestion. When we improve access to public transit, everyone benefits.”

Vancouver City Council and Vancouver Park Board have passed motions in support of #AllOnBoard, as well as Port Moody and New Westminster City Council’s. The campaign is currently seeking support from other municipalities.

The labour council also encourages its affiliated members, and the general public, to learn more about the campaign and sign the petition at www.allonboard.ca

The Vancouver and District Labour Council represents nearly 100 local unions and 60,000 affiliated members in Vancouver, North Vancouver, Richmond, and West Vancouver.

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