



2011 Convention Resolutions

Resolutions Referred to AFL Standing Committees

Reference: Disposition of Resolutions and Policy Papers

WORKERS OF COLOUR AND ABORIGINAL WORKERS COMMITTEE

- Res. No. 801 – CLC Standing Committee on Aboriginal Rights
- Res. No. 802 – CLC Standing Committee on Workers of Colour Rights
- Res. No. 803 – June 21 (lobby for National Aboriginal Day as a Statutory Holiday)
- Res. No. 804 – Leonard Peltier
- Res. No. 805 – Barriere Lake/Algonquins

Res. No. 801 – CLC Standing Committee on Aboriginal Rights

THE ALBERTA FEDERATION OF LABOUR WILL lobby the Canadian Labour Congress to create a Standing Committee on Aboriginal Rights to replace the CLC Aboriginal Working Group and to amend any articles in the CLC Constitution if applicable.

BECAUSE in almost every measure, aboriginal peoples are amongst the most marginalized in Canada.

BECAUSE the labour movement has been long been the most successful vehicle for real social change.

BECAUSE the labour movement has not placed the required amounts of resources, energy and time on the issues of aboriginal peoples.

BECAUSE the injustices committed against aboriginal peoples can be described as Canada's longest standing grievances.

BECAUSE the structures of the labour movement support and enable the work of the labour movement.

AFL Executive Council

AFL Workers of Colour and Aboriginal Workers

M/S/Carried

Concurrence

Res. No. 802—CLC Standing Committee on Workers of Colour Rights

THE ALBERTA FEDERATION OF LABOUR WILL lobby the Canadian Labour Congress to create a Standing Committee on Workers of Colour Rights to replace the CLC Workers of Colour Working Group and to amend any articles in the CLC Constitution if applicable.

BECAUSE in almost every measure, workers of colour are amongst the most marginalized in Canada.

BECAUSE the labour movement has been long been the most successful vehicle for real social change.

BECAUSE the labour movement has not placed the required amounts of resources, energy and time on the issues of workers of colour.

BECAUSE the injustice committed against workers of colour can be described as Canada’s longest grievance.

AFL Executive Council
AFL Workers of Colour and Aboriginal Workers

M/S/Carried
Concurrence

Res. No. 803—June 21

THE ALBERTA FEDERATION OF LABOUR WILL lobby all levels of Government to enact June 21, National Aboriginal Day, as a statutory holiday.

THE ALBERTA FEDERATION OF LABOUR WILL encourage affiliates to bargain for June 21, National Aboriginal Day as a statutory holiday.

THE ALBERTA FEDERATION OF LABOUR WILL celebrate and will encourage affiliates to celebrate June 21, National Aboriginal Day.

BECAUSE June 21 is National Aboriginal Day.

BECAUSE National Aboriginal Day is a day of recognition of the cultures and contributions of the First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

BECAUSE June 21 is not recognized as a statutory holiday by most federal and provincial governments.

BECAUSE a few Collective Agreements recognize June 21 as a statutory holiday.

CUPW Edmonton

M/S/Carried
Concurrence

Res. No. 804—Leonard Peltier

THE ALBERTA FEDERATION OF LABOUR WILL continue to support freedom for Leonard Peltier in the form of an immediate grant of parole or Executive Clemency and work with affiliates and allies to pressure the federal government for action.

BECAUSE Leonard Peltier, an Indigenous man was wrongfully convicted of murder for the June 26, 1975, deaths of two agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

BECAUSE it has been revealed that Leonard Peltier was convicted on the bases of fabricated and suppressed evidence.

BECAUSE evidence used to extradite Leonard Peltier from Canada has been proven false.

BECAUSE Leonard Peltier has nevertheless served more than 30 years in prison since his arrest on February 6, 1976.

BECAUSE Leonard Peltier is now over 60 years of age—a great-grandfather—and suffers from partial blindness, diabetes, a heart condition, and high blood pressure.

CUPW Edmonton

M/S/Carried
Concurrence as amended

Res. No. 805—Barriere Lake

THE ALBERTA FEDERATION OF LABOUR WILL support the Algonquins of Barriere Lake by:

- supporting their inherent right to customary self-government

- calling upon the Government of Canada to immediately reverse its imposition of an Indian Act election system
- take action to honour the 1991 Trilateral Agreement with the Algonquins of Barriere Lake

BECAUSE the Algonquins of Barriere Lake have been living sustainably on their land for thousands of years.

BECAUSE they have operated for countless generations under a traditional governance system connected to their use of the land.

BECAUSE the Canadian government is using section 74 of the Indian Act to abolish Barriere Lake's traditional governance system and impose a colonial electoral system.

BECAUSE the Government of Canada has not honoured the signed 1991 Trilateral Agreement for environmental management/protection.

BECAUSE the acclaimed chief in the imposed section 74 election refused the position.