



2016 JUSTICE FOR INJURED WORKERS RIDE

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Injured workers endure 600 km bike ride to deliver important message to Queen's Park!

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Injured workers Richard Hudon and Peter Page, together with long time injured worker advocate Allen Jones, have embarked on a gruelling 600 km bike ride from Windsor to Toronto as part of the second annual "Justice for Injured Workers Ride". Their aim is to gather the demands of injured workers and advocates along the way, and present these to the Minister of Labour at the 33^d annual Injured Workers' Day rally at Queen's Park on June 1st.

The message the cyclists intend to deliver is in response to a shocking plan recently outlined in the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board's 2015 Economic Statement. After years of aggressive austerity cuts to injured workers' benefits, the Board now intends to reduce employer premiums by 45% in the coming years. This means that while injured workers are forced into poverty, employers will save over \$2 billion dollars annually! Injured workers are alarmed by this move, given that these savings were generated on their backs.

The Justice for Injured Workers Ride is asking: "What would the injured worker community do with the \$2 billion the WSIB intends to give employers in rate cuts?"

Support this bike ride by joining the cyclists as they pass through your community.

Windsor

When: Wednesday, May 25th at 8 a.m. Join the riders for a coffee before their 9:00 a.m. departure

Where: Canadian Labour Congress (injured workers) monument, west of the Peace Fountain at Coventry Gardens

Chatham

When: Wednesday, May 25th at 4:00 p.m. Join the riders for a BBQ

Where: Unifor Chatham Office, 200 Riverview Drive

Wallaceburg

When: Thursday, May 26th at 9:30 a.m. Join the riders for coffee

Where: UAW Local 251, 88 Elm St South

Sarnia

When: Thursday, May 26th at 3:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.



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Where: Join up with the riders at 3 p.m. at the Corunna Tim Horton's to travel the River Road with them into Sarnia. Or meet at the Victims of Chemical Valley Monument at 4:00 p.m., followed by a BBQ at the Occupational Health Clinics for Ontario Workers – Sarnia Clinic at 171 Kendall St., Point Edward

London

When: Friday, May 27th at 5 p.m. to welcome the riders

Where: Injured Workers Monument for a moment of silence, followed by a reception at TolPuddle Housing Co-operative, 380 Adelaide St N.

Brantford

When: Saturday, May 28th at 4 p.m.

Where: Memorial at Fordview Park, just South of the Lorne Bridge

St. Catharine's

When: Sunday, May 29th at 4:00 p.m. to greet the riders

Where: Tribute to Workers Memorial, City Hall, 50 Church St

Hamilton

When: Monday, May 30th at 4:00 p.m. for welcome followed by a social

Where: Welcome the riders at the Workers' Monument at City Hall, 71 Main St W. (& Bay). Join them as they bike down Cannon St to a social at the Hamilton District Injured Workers' office, 905 Main St E.

Mississauga

When: Tuesday, May 31st at 3:00 p.m.

Where: Constituency Office of Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance, 120 Lakeshore W. The riders will be stopping by to deliver a message from injured workers

Toronto

When: Wednesday, June 1st at 11:30 a.m.

Where: Queen's Park – pizza lunch, followed by rally and march to the Ministry of Labour

For more information on the bike ride itinerary go to:
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You can also follow their progress at <https://injuredworkersride.tumblr.com> or on twitter #injuredworkersride.

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