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NBFL to hold its 52nd Convention at the Delta Brunswick in Saint John from Sunday May 24 to Wednesday May 27, 2015

Moncton - The New Brunswick Federation of Labour (NBFL) will hold its 52nd convention at the Delta Brunswick in Saint John from Sunday May 24 to Wednesday May 27, 2015. Proceedings will start on Sunday May 24 at 6:30 p.m.

The NBFL is New Brunswick's largest central labour body with over 40,000 members representing over 320 local unions from both the public and private sectors. The theme for our convention is Together Fairness Works, aimed at defeating the governments' right wing agenda.

"Just as union conventions offer choices around labour's agenda, so, too, elections allow us to make choices about governments. With an election likely this fall, workers and their families must begin to reflect on the choices open to them." says Patrick Colford NBFL President. "Either we accept more of this government's contempt for unions and the rights of workers or, push for change. Either we put up with more indifference to the social and economic plight of working people and their families or we take action. I firmly believe that workers want real change. That they will stand up for free collective bargaining and justice and fairness for all and that they will vote to elect members who support labour's agenda."

The Convention, which is held every two years, is the NBFL's governing body. A busy Agenda awaits delegates. About 40 resolutions will be debated and voted. Many guest speakers are scheduled during the convention:

- Barb Byers, Secretary-Treasurer, Canadian Labour Congress, Monday at 10:00 a.m.
- Yvon Godin, Member of Parliament for Acadie-Bathurst, Monday at 1:30 p.m.
- Ken Neumann, National Director, United Steelworkers, Monday at 3:00 p.m.
- Paul Moist, National President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.
- Debi Daviau, National President, Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada, Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

Two retired union members will be inducted to the NBFL Honour Roll on Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m. A public rally against austerity measures is also scheduled during the Convention on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m., delegates will elect officers for the NBFL Executive positions.