

RESOLUTION ON UNITY AND ACTION

Whereas the legislation opposed by the Solidarity Coalition is being forced through the legislature at a rapid pace; and

Whereas the process of consultation requested by the Solidarity Coalition has been denied by Government; and

Whereas parliamentary democracy has been degraded and undermined by an abusive denial of debate through the use of closure and through the use of the Government's majority to frustrate the exercise of the Opposition's parliamentary role; and

Whereas the public sector trade unions, members of Operation Solidarity and our Coalition partners, are preparing for strike action in opposition to Bills 2 and 3 and to defend the process of free collective bargaining; and

Whereas the fight against Bills 2 and 3, the foundation of the Government's entire anti-people legislative package, will be the forefront of the battle to defeat all the legislation; and

Whereas the trade union movement and the entire Solidarity Coalition firmly share a common need and purpose to ensure the success of the coming intensified fight-back;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Lower Mainland Solidarity Coalition

1. Pledges full and unqualified support to Operation Solidarity in its battles against Bills 2 and 3, up to and including a general strike.

2. Calls on each member/organization to ~~affirm the above resolve~~ <sup>entire budget and leg. incl. restriction of social services</sup> *Pass motions in support of job actions in opposition to the budget & report results in writing to LMSC.*

3. Calls on each member organization to take decisive steps to increase pressure on the Government to withdraw or repeal each and every bill ~~and to co-ordinate through the LMSC actions designed to demonstrate the continuing resistance of the people against victimization by the legislation.~~

4. Pledges to maintain its unified opposition to the entire legislative package notwithstanding the passage and proclamation of individual bills, ~~and demands the repeal of all the offensive legislation [or a new election to be held at the earliest opportunity.]~~

5. Recommend to the PSC that if all of the offensive legislation is not withdrawn or repealed it will consider calling for a new election.

6. Calls on Provincial Solidarity Coalition and Operation Solidarity to organize joint discussions to affect the fullest co-operation between public sector workers and other Coalition partners who represent the recipients of vital social services.

7. Offers to Operation Solidarity to organize the member groups/organizations, identified as such by their own banners and placards, in picket line support actions, rallies, demonstrations, or other appropriate actions. *support centre*

8. Directs the Steering Committee to ~~organize and establish an Information Action Community Support Center~~ <sup>investigate the establishment of an office</sup> to co-ordinate support requested by Operation Solidarity and to facilitate member organizations in the furtherance of their own actions and activities related to Solidarity Coalition objectives.

9. Directs the Steering Committee <sup>to strike a public information committee to</sup> to co-ordinate a large scale public information campaign to explain and clarify each action of the Solidarity Coalition.

~~Ask the PSC to~~