



Local 8782 United Steelworkers

One year ago.....



.....March 2009

486 of our neighbours and families lost their livelihoods. 400 more families in our community lost their source of income in the following weeks.

On August 3rd 2009, U. S. Steel locked out all remaining workers. The economic devastation to our local communities is incalculable; it is estimated over 6,000 workers in our community have been affected. This is across all sectors, hospitality, health, retail, transportation and services.

No single area has been untouched by this decision made outside of Canada.

On Sunday
March 14th 2010

Join your neighbours, family and friends at **1:00 pm.**

Come to the front gate on
Regional Road 3



Join us at 1:00 pm to mourn the loss of decent paying jobs in your community. Come and participate with your neighbours, listen to music and learn more about the lost jobs on your doorstep.



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Significant Events:

- August 27th 2007 U.S. Steel announces takeover of Stelco Canada
- October 31st 2007 U.S. Steel concludes takeover of Stelco Canada
- November 2008 U.S. Steel idles Blast Furnace and Steelmaking at former Stelco Hilton works
- December 5th 2008 U.S. Steel announces idling of three American plants to concentrate production at other facilities, including Lake Erie Works in Nanticoke, Ontario
- March 5th 2009 U.S. Steel announces idling of all Canadian operations in order to consolidate production at plants in Pittsburgh, Indiana and Alabama
- April 2009 U.S. Steel removes steelmaking materials from the former Hilton Works
- May 2009 Industry Minister Tony Clement sends a "demand letter" to U.S. Steel, after determining that its decision to shut down the former Stelco violated commitments the company made under the Investment Canada Act.
- June 2009 U.S. Steel recalls 800 workers to its Hamilton facility and restarts its coke-making operations. Union leader Rolf Gerstenberger says the recalls are an attempt by U.S. Steel to avoid setting aside about \$15 million in severance pay for workers
- June 2009 Tony Clement asks the Federal Court to order U.S. Steel to live up to those commitments or face penalties of \$10,000 a day. In a court filing, the government says U.S. Steel agreed to employ an average 3,105 workers at the former Stelco and increase annual production by 10 per cent to 4.35 million tons.
- August 3rd 2009 U.S. Steel locks out workers at its Nanticoke facility. Union leaders call the lockout an "act of defiance" against the Canadian government and urge Clement to expedite the court process
- August 3rd, U.S. Steel suspends post retirement health benefits for retired 8782 members and dependants
- August 31st, the federal court granted USW International and USW Locals 1005 (Hamilton Works) and 8782 (Lake Erie Works) intervenor status on a limited basis related to the question of remedy when and if U.S. Steel is found guilty of violating its commitments to Investment Canada.
- September 2009 U.S. Steel begins removing raw materials and coke used for steelmaking from the Lake Erie Works plant and transfers the material for use in its operating American plants restarted from idle condition after the company locked out United Steelworkers Local 8782
- Nov 2009- US Steel recalls Pickling Division to avoid severance obligations and re-qualify workers for Employment Insurance benefits They notified the union that they will be laid off again on March 5, 2010
- December 2009, U.S. Steel files constitutional challenge of the Investment Canada Act. Charter challenge was heard in early January and we are now waiting Madame Justice Hansen's ruling.

