

## **AFL Announces New Campaign**

The Alberta Federation of Labour announced on February 27 at the AFL/CLC winter school, that they will be starting a campaign to get the Provincial Government to implement “mandatory joint health and safety committees” in all workplaces in Alberta. The new campaign will be called “**154 reasons to have mandatory committees**”. The title is in reference to how many workers were killed on the job in Alberta during 2007. That’s 154 parents, or sons and daughters that did not return home from work. “That is completely unacceptable” says Cam Sherk, Chair of the AFL’s Health and Safety Committee and UFCW Local 401 Union Rep. As Alberta is the only province in Canada not to have mandatory committees, now is the time to change that. Mandatory committees have been proven in other jurisdictions to make for safer workplaces, so what is Alberta waiting for? We will be asking members to sign postcards and get them back to your union representative, so that these postcards can be presented to the Legislature on April 28, 2009 (National Day of Mourning). This day has been set aside by the Federal Government to recognize persons killed and or injured on the job. The union will get these cards out to members over the next couple of months. We would appreciate you getting these back to us as soon as possible.