

Clock ticking on Canadian jobs highlights perils of outsourcing

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Canada's National Unemployment Clock, a travelling digital timepiece displaying a real-time count of job loss in Canada, stopped Sunday after-noon at Mount Royal Village as street teams handed out brochures and asked citizens to sign a petition.

Sponsored by the Telecommunications Workers Union, the campaign was developed to raise awareness across the country about the dangers of allowing large international corporations to offshore Canadian jobs.

"We unveiled the clock at Parliament in Ottawa on May 5, and we're making our way with it across the country," said spokesman Thomas Stringham.

The clock, which runs on data from Statistics Canada and ticks off another job lost every 39 seconds, sat at 1,613,230 at midday.

Stringham said the team had collected nearly 6,000 signatures thus far, which it will present to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Minister of Labour Rona Ambrose.

To sign the online petition, visit the website, which is keepjobsincanada.ca

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