

Travelling unemployment clock comes to town

The National Unemployment Clock rolled into Osoyoos on the afternoon of June 1 after a cross-country journey that began in Ottawa on May 6.

The clock is part of a campaign sponsored by the Telecommunications Workers Union to raise awareness about the dangers of allowing large international corporations to outsource jobs from Canada, a practice the union said contributes to national unemployment increases.

When it arrived in Osoyoos, the clock revealed that more than 1,633,520 Canadians are unemployed based on Statistics Canada data.

Every 35 seconds the clock goes up by one.

The clock's tour was to end in Vancouver on June 2 where the plan was to remove the clock from the truck it rests upon and place it on a billboard.

The truck's driver, David Rowswell, said he has been collecting signatures to send to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and federal Labour Minister Rona Ambrose calling for action against rising unemployment.

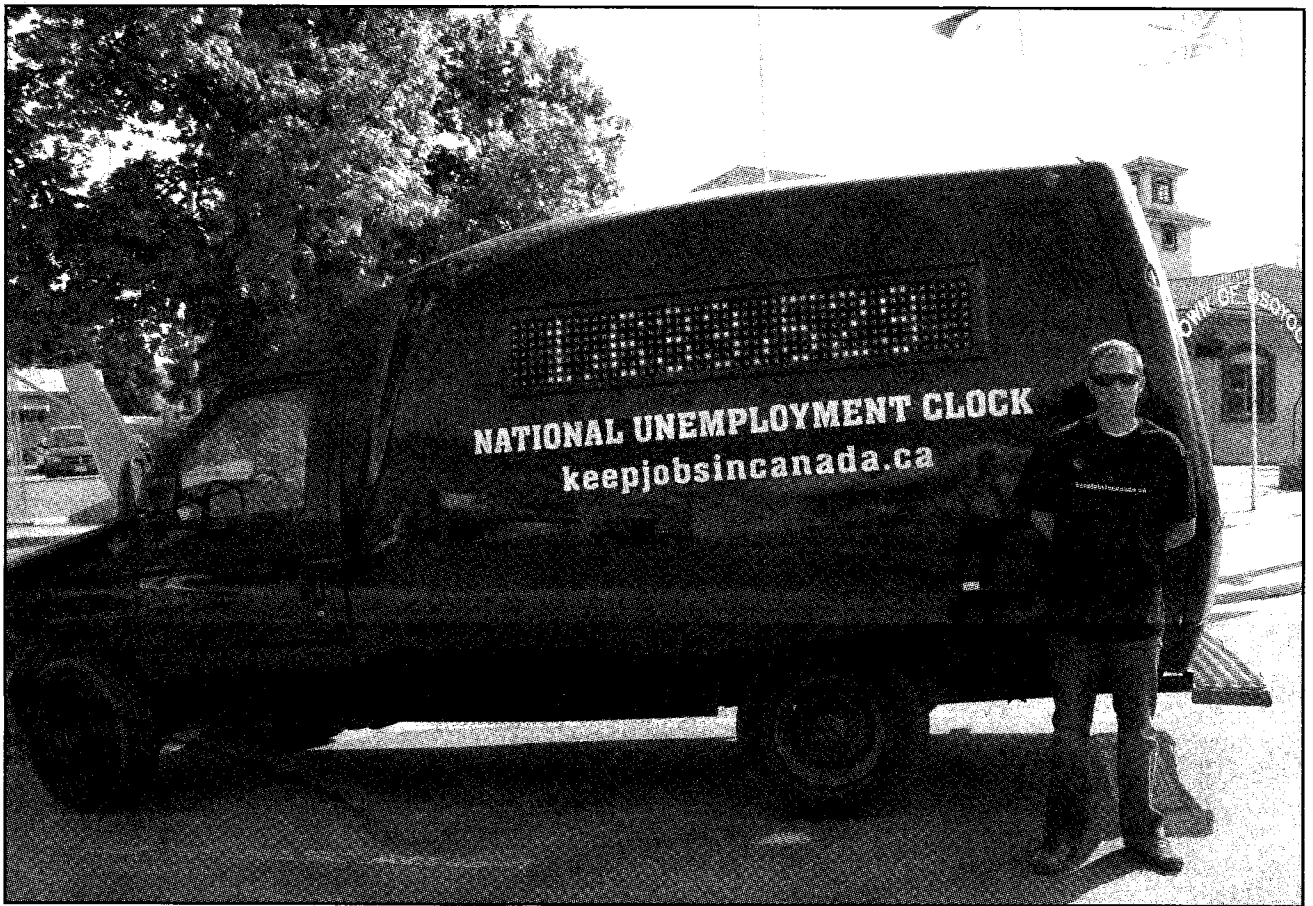
So far, roughly 8,000 people have signed up.

For more information or to sign the campaign's petition online, go to <http://www.keepjob-sincanada.ca/>.



The collage contains several advertisements:

- Travelling unemployment clock comes to town:** A newspaper clipping with a photo of the clock on a truck and text about the campaign.
- The SAGE Retail Liquor Store:** An advertisement for a liquor store with the slogan "We Hold Home Organic Wines!" and a list of products.
- Other notices:** Smaller ads for local services and businesses.



David Rowswell stands before the National Unemployment Clock on June 1. The clock arrived in Osoyoos on a cross-country tour which began in Ottawa on a mission to raise awareness about job losses in Canada. Photo by Paul Everest