

Toronto and York Region Labour Council – CUPE 3903 Delegate Report

November 4, 2015

Delegate present: Brian Mossop

If you were a delegate, and present, but I didn't see you, write to me at brmossop@yorku.ca.

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Note to readers: What do you think CUPE 3903 should be getting out of representation at the Labour Council? Are there labour issues we should take to Council? Should we bring Council campaigns to York campus? To find out about Council, visit www.labourcouncil.ca. Write to me at brmossop@yorku.ca.

- Around 200 delegates attended the November 4 meeting of the Labour Council.
- Four former NDP MPs from the Toronto area who were present were thanked for their support for labour issues.
- There was a presentation about what the Council of Canadians had done during the election campaign. This included activities on university campuses. (The chair of Labour Council is on the executive of the Council of Canadians.)
- The meeting approved a statement prepared by the executive entitled “Canada With a Liberal Majority”. It stated “Many observers identify Mulcair’s embrace of a ‘no deficit’ mantra as the turning point...From that moment, Trudeau’s message channeled the hope and optimism that was Jack Layton’s brand in 2011.” Amongst other things, Council decided to “urge the federal and Ontario NDP to consider how to ensure that future platforms and strategies retain a consistent progressive approach to electoral politics” and “focus on engaging young workers and students to build on youth involvement in policies”.
- Several delegates voiced their views on the election campaign, a couple of whom emphasized the need for the NDP to avoid blaming its poor showing on “strategic voting” and for the party to reverse its drift to the centre/right.
- Candidates for various offices with the Ontario Federation of Labour made speeches with a view to the elections later this month.
- There was a draw in support of strikers at the North York Holiday Inn.