

Toronto and York Region Labour Council – CUPE 3903 Delegate Report

February 2, 2017

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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 campuses? Write to me at brmossop@yorku.ca.

To find out about Council, and see photos of recent meetings and actions, visit

www.labourcouncil.ca. For a calendar of Council events:

<http://www.labourcouncil.ca/calendar--145thanniversary.html>. For current Council campaigns: <http://www.labourcouncil.ca/campaigns.html>.

- Around 250 delegates attended the February 2 meeting of the Labour Council.
- There was a presentation on Black History Month, with a short video about Viola Desmond.
- There was a presentation by CUPE 416 on the successful campaign to have city council send the issue of privatizing waste pickup east of Yonge Street back to staff for further study.
- There was a moment of silence for the people murdered at a mosque in Quebec City.
- A statement entitled Our Shared Humanity was passed, about the advent of Trumpism http://www.labourcouncil.ca/uploads/8/8/6/1/8861416/our_shared_humanity_-_feb2017.pdf. Delegates discussed the issues at individual tables.
- There were several strike reports, including a presentation on the Aramark strike at York and UofT (Scarborough), with several York members of Unite-Here Local 75 speaking about poor working conditions, including harassment and physical assaults by managers, as well as support from students and faculty. The point was made that one reason Aramark will not agree to pay a living wage is that it might have to operate at a loss, given the terms of its lease agreement with York. Aramark serves several institutions, and the strike may eventually expand to the Rogers Centre.