

## Toronto and York Region Labour Council – CUPE 3903 Delegate Report

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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](mailto:brmossop@yorku.ca).*

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*[www.labourcouncil.ca](http://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 100 delegates attended the January 5 meeting of the Labour Council.
- There was a presentation on Employment Insurance. The speakers contrasted the state of affairs 30 years ago, when almost all the unemployed qualified, with the present, when less than a quarter of the unemployed in the Toronto area qualify. Council has a campaign to fix EI: <http://www.labourcouncil.ca/campaigns.html>. Also <http://goodjobsforall.ca>.
- There was a presentation from Council's Women's Committee on the need for labour to recognize sex work as work. Council passed a statement recognizing December 17 as the International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers and supporting full decriminalization of sex work.
- A statement that originated with our friends in CUPE 3902 was passed, urging all unions affiliated with Council to resist two-tiered contracts (ones with reduced wage increases and benefits for new hires), since this approach harms young workers and recent immigrants.
- The Women's Committee announced a rally against Trump at Queen's Park on January 21. It will focus on manifestations of "Trumpism" in Canada, especially misogyny.
- There will be a union presence at Premier Wynne's New Year's Levee, Saturday January 14 at 1 pm at Edwards Gardens (Floral Hall), 777 Lawrence Avenue East, to protest hydro privatization.