

Toronto and York Region Labour Council – CUPE 3903 Delegate Report

July 7, 2016

Delegate present: Brian Mossop

Report: BM

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 75 delegates attended the July 7 meeting of the Labour Council.
- Council endorsed two candidates for upcoming by-elections: Ali Mohamed-Ali as TDSB candidate for Ward 1 (<https://www.ett.ca/help-elect-erica-shiner-in-ward-5-ali-mohamed-ali-ward-1/>) and Chris Strain to succeed the late Rob Ford as city councillor for Ward 2.
- Rick Smith of the Broadbent Institute spoke about the Institute's campaign to replace the first-past-the-post voting system http://www.broadbentinstitute.ca/democratic_renewal. Council passed a motion to continue its support of Fair Vote Canada (www.fairvote.ca), support the educational work of the Broadbent Institute and their EveryVoterCounts campaign (www.everyvotercounts.ca) and publicize and urge adoption of the Mixed Member Proportional (MMP) voting system.
- Council voted to sign the Charter for Inclusive Communities, to combat Islamophobia.
- A postal worker pointed out that July 31 is the last day for citizens to provide input to the federal task force on the future of Canada Post (<http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/examendepostescanada-canadapostreview/exprimer-share-eng.html>).
- In preparation for a telephone survey about precarious work, pairs of Council members interviewed each other using the survey script.