

Toronto and York Region Labour Council – CUPE 3903 Delegate Report

November 2, 2017

Delegates present: Brian Mossop, Josh Lalonde, Joanna Pearce, Carlo Handy Charles
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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>.

- OPSEU delegates reported on the strike at the colleges and the big demonstration at Queen's Park earlier in the day, with college instructors from all over Ontario. For updates on the strike, visit <https://opseu.org/college-faculty-strike-information-2017>.
- A panel of speakers talked about precarious work, one of the two main issues in the college strike, the other being academic freedom (an example was given of math teachers being required to use a test with multiple choice answers!).
- Council passed a statement "Using Bill 148 Tools for Economic Justice" about the need to take advantage of the new organizing tools that will be available assuming Bill 148 (proposed new Ontario employment and labour relations laws) is passed in more or less its present form.
- Council passed a statement on preparing for the 2018 municipal elections in Toronto and in York Region.
- There was a call-out for a big presence at Queen St E. & Lee in the Beaches on Saturday November 4 to counteract an expected gathering of white nationalists and racists.
- Toronto Workers' History Project announced an event on November 14: "The Russian Revolution in Perspective" at the Steelworkers' Hall, 25 Cecil Street, 7:30 pm. A play will be performed by the Toronto Workers Theatre Group "See the Rising Sun: Toronto welcomes the revolution".