

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

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Delegate present: Brian Mossop

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

- Around 150 delegates attended the September 1 meeting of the Labour Council.
- The CEO of United Way Toronto and York Region gave a speech emphasizing the very long connection between United Way and the labour movement.
- A speaker from the Canadian Federation of Students spoke about their campaign to eliminate fees for university and college students.
- Council passed a statement “Those Who Care for Our Children” endorsing support for poorly paid child care workers, advocating a model of early childhood education and care that is universal, affordable, high quality, public and non-profit, and supporting the work of various child care activist and advocacy groups.
- Council passed a statement “A Safe School Environment for All”.
- Council endorsed the Executive’s submission to the hearings on an Ontario Government anti-racism directorate.  
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- There was a debate about whether it had been a good idea to have the Liberal Minister of Labour marching at the front of the Labour Day parade. This had not been discussed by Council at its September meeting just before Labour Day. One view expressed was that he should have been invited to march with one of the unions that supports the Liberals. Apparently many had been angry because the Minister was seen as an ally of the employer when they were on strike.