

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

October 5, 2017

Delegates present: Brian Mossop, Firoza Elavia

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The Council's weekly newsletter featured a link to one of 3903 'Who We Are' videos.

*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).*

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

[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>.

- Filipino labour leader Ferdie Gaité addressed the meeting about neo-liberalism in general and the labour situation in the Philippines in particular.
- Council adopted a statement “Floods, fires and 2 degrees of climate changes”.  
[http://www.labourcouncil.ca/uploads/8/8/6/1/8861416/floods-fires-2degclimatejustice\\_-\\_oct2017.pdf](http://www.labourcouncil.ca/uploads/8/8/6/1/8861416/floods-fires-2degclimatejustice_-_oct2017.pdf)
- Rosemarie Powell spoke on the Toronto Community Benefits Network ([www.communitybenefits.ca](http://www.communitybenefits.ca)), a community-labour partnership.
- On Bill 148, the amendments to the Employment Standards Act and Labour Relations Act now before the Ontario legislature, there is an urgent need to keep up pressure on the government to make sure the amendments go through and are not watered down through the efforts of business lobbyists. Several delegates signed a letter to the editors of the main Toronto dailies about this matter.
- Council approved sending a letter to Premier Wynne regarding justice for Dafonte Miller.  
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- On October 6, OPSEU will launch a province-wide campaign on the issues in contract talks between 12,000 college faculty and the College Employer Council. The press release (<https://opseu.org/news/college-faculty-union-launches-ad-campaign-bargaining-issues>) contains the following:
  - ...The union's first radio ad will focus on the plight of thousands of contract faculty who are paid far less than the negotiated rate for full-time permanent faculty and have no job security beyond the next semester.
  - “It is heartening that, with Bill 148, the Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act, our provincial government is both drawing attention to the problem of precarious work and doing something about it,” said Hornick [chair of the faculty bargaining team]. “We are bargaining to make sure that the colleges recognize their responsibility to address precarious work in their own workplaces so faculty can live decently. So far, three months since we started bargaining, we're not seeing that.”

OPSEU represents full-time permanent college professors, instructors, counsellors, and librarians as well as part-time “partial load” faculty who teach between seven and 12 hours per week. ...