

Toronto and York Region Labour Council – CUPE 3903 Delegate Report

September 1, 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 100 delegates attended the September 1 meeting of the Labour Council.
- Two trainers from Good Life Fitness talked about one successful and one unsuccessful attempt to achieve certification for their union. They described working conditions, which included having to pay for their uniforms and having to do unpaid work such as client assessments (personal trainers are paid only for hours spent with individual clients, so that whole days can go by with no pay).
- The president of the Ontario Federation of Labour spoke about his goals for organized labour in Ontario and emphasized the importance of the Make It Fair (www.makeitfair.ca) campaign to reform labour law and undo the damage done in the Mike Harris era 20 years ago. There will be a demonstration October 1 at Queen's Park.
- Under Correspondence, there was a request from CUPE 3903 for a donation to the migrant workers' caravan from Leamington to Ottawa between Labour Day and Thanksgiving (in Toronto September 25), sponsored by Justicia for Migrant Workers (www.justicia4migrantworkers.org). Council will donate \$100. For details: harvestingfreedom.org
- There was a speaker from the Somali community and Council passed a statement on the police killing of Abdirahman Abdi.
<https://www.thestar.com/opinion/commentary/2016/07/31/let-death-of-abdirahman-abdi-be-last-of-its-kind.html>