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

October 4, 2018

Delegates 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 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.html*](http://www.labourcouncil.ca/calendar.html)*.* For current Council campaigns: <http://www.labourcouncil.ca/campaigns.html>.

* At a special meeting on September 27, Council adopted a slate of endorsed candidates for Toronto and York Region mayors, councillors and trustees; it can be seen at [www.labourcouncil.ca](http://www.labourcouncil.ca). Because so much coverage of the Toronto campaign has been about Ford’s interference, rather than about the election campaign itself, there could be an extremely low turnout. It’s important to get focused on electing the endorsed candidates. Member unions of the Council should call for volunteers to work on these campaigns, or make financial contributions to them.
* Council adopted a statement “Playing from the handbook” about the Ford Government’s adoption of what Naomi Klein famously called the “shock doctrine” (in the aftermath of the “discovery” that Ontario has a $15 billion deficit).
* Council adopted two resolutions calling on the Ontario Federation of Labour to hold a series of fightback forums across Ontario and possibly an emergency convention to confront the threat posed to labour by the Ford government.
* There was a speech by Felicia Samuel, the Council-endorsed candidate for councilor in Ward 23 – Scarborough North ([www.feliciasamuel.ca](http://www.feliciasamuel.ca)).
* It was announced that all unions with contracts at Exhibition Place, including two small CUPE locals, will be meeting next week to decide how to bring out about a settlement with IATSE, now in the third month of their strike.
* There will be a “hands off labour law, hands off $15” rally at 12:30 pm on Monday, October 15 at 400 University Avenue.
* There will be a “rebuild and improve public health care” rally at 12:00 pm on Tuesday, October 23 at Queen’s Park.