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

September 6, 2018

Delegates present: Nicole Leach, Mike McNamee, Brian Mossop, Ed Wong

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.*

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* Marie Clarke Walker, Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian Labour Congress, spoke about the late human rights activist Bromley Armstrong <https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/bromley-armstrong/>
* The new NDP MLA for Parkdale-High Park, Bhutila Karpoche, addressed the meeting.
* Council adopted a statement “Work for Justice” in response to the threat posed by the Ford government.
* There was a report on legal challenges to the provincial legislation that reduces Toronto City Council to 25 seats.
* Council adopted a platform for the municipal campaign in York Region, and endorsed several candidates.
* Council endorsed Jennifer Keesmaat for Mayor of Toronto. She had been interviewed several times by the Executive and local labour leaders, who were all impressed. Since a former 3903 ally and member (Saron Gebresellassi) is running for mayor, our delegates either abstained or voted against the endorsation. (<https://saronformayor.ca/>)
* Notice was given of a special meeting of Council delegates on September 17 to endorse councillor and trustee candidates for Toronto.
* The president of IATSE 58 reported on the ongoing strike of stagehands at Exhibition Place (<https://www.58lockedout.com>).
* During reports from unions, our delegates Ed and Nicole spoke about the general mess at York in the aftermath of our strike as well as reprisals by the Employer.