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

December 6, 2018

Delegates present: Murray Cooke, Brian Mossop, Edward 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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* There was a moment of silence for the 14 women engineering students murdered in Montreal on Dec 6, 1989. Suze Morrison, NDP MPP for Toronto Centre, spoke about gender-based violence.
* All the postal workers in the room came up to the front and were given a standing ovation. A speaker said that Trudeau has proven himself to be as bad as Harper when it comes to siding with post office management, and he has forced a return to work despite the Supreme Court’s decision on the right to strike.
* The 4-month-long IATSE strike at Exhibition Place has been settled to the satisfaction of the union. The president of Local 58 thanked other unions for their support.
* Council passed a statement “Defend Good Jobs” in response to GM’s announcement that it will close the Oshawa assembly plant.
* Chris Moise, TDSB trustee for Ward 10 (Toronto Centre) (<https://www.tdsb.on.ca/Ward10/>), spoke about the lack of communication between the Board and the Ministry of Education, and pointed out that negotiations with teachers are coming up in 2019.
* Bill 66, the *Restoring Ontario’s Competitiveness Act*, exempts universities, hospitals and municipalities from the requirement to use unionized labour for infrastructure projects.
* A speaker from the Amalgamated Transit Union talked about the campaign to stop Ford’s plan to break up and sell off parts of the TTC, starting with the subway. <https://wemovetoronto.ca> Local 113 is collaborating with the Ontario NDP, TTCriders, Progress Toronto and Defend TO (a citizen movement organized in September by former mayor John Sewell to defend Toronto against Ford’s attacks). City council will be discussing this matter on December 13 and there will be a rally at City Hall (time and place to be announced).