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

March 7, 2019

Delegates present: Murray Cooke, Mike McNamee, 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.*

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*For a calendar of Council events: https://www.labourcouncil.ca/events.*

*For current Council campaigns: https://www.labourcouncil.ca/campaigns\_and\_programs*

* Federal NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh addressed Council.
* Speakers about International Women's Day pointed out that this event originated in the early 20th century with the U.S. labour movement and pointed out how women were affected by the actions of the Ford government.
* The president of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 113 spoke about the successful event at 25 subway stations in late February with members of other unions and the public opposing the upload/privatization of the subway. A speaker from CUPE Local 2 (TTC electricians, transit control technicians and others, see cupelocal2.com) spoke about the safety problems of the upload. Council passed a statement "Don't Steal Our Subway".
* A video was shown about former pro-labour Toronto City Councillor Sarah Doucette.
* There was a speaker on the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.
* **On Monday, March 25, 6:30-9:30 pm, Council will host a Stewards’ Assembly at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre (*South* Building, 222 Bremner Blvd) in order to engage the labour movement in the fight against the Ford agenda. Every affiliate is asked to send 1% of their members (leaders, stewards, other union activists). https://www.labourcouncil.ca/stewardsassembly**
* NDP Labour critic at Queen's Park Jamie West (MLA for Sudbury) recounted his life history emphasizing how the union movement (Steelworkers in his case) taught him how to be a leader.
* Members of UNITE HERE Local 25 (hotel workers) talked about their successful effort to ward off raids on their membership by UNIFOR. One speaker said that UNIFOR should focus on organizing the unorganized, not raiding other unions.