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

May 2, 2019

Delegates present: Murray Cooke, 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: https://www.labourcouncil.ca/events.*

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

* There was a speaker from Injured Workers Consultants and their petition circulated. https://injuredworkersonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/WCIAR-Petition-English.pdf They have 3 demands to fix the broken WSIB system: 1) listen to doctors, not WSIB case managers; 2) stop benefit cuts based on "pre-existing conditions" that never affected the worker's ability to function; 3) eliminate the practice of "deeming" (which bases compensation on phantom jobs that injured workers do not actually have).
* As a commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Winnipeg General Strike, there was a reading of 10 minutes of play to be performed on May 14 https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/general-strike-cabaret-1919-tickets-59982825245/amp
* A Foodora worker talked about the efforts of CUPW to organize them. The focus is on wages and health&safety. FoodstersUnited.ca
* Council passed a statement on "Lessons of Year One" of the Ford government. Several speakers discussed the various disaster areas (transit, education, health). A petition circulated to stop cuts to legal aid. https://www.stoplegalaidcuts.ca; also www.thesociety.ca
* There was a presentation the difficulties faced by refugees in Canada as conservative forces step up anti-refugee propaganda.
* The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers is now on strike and the Sheet Metal Workers' & Roofers Union Local 30 will be going out on Monday May 6.
* TTC Riders is organizing a day of action at subway stations. http://www.ttcriders.ca/ttc-day-of-action-may-10th/
* Sisters of the roundtable 4 takes place May 11, 9:30am - 1:00pm at the Steelworkers Hall, 25 Cecil Street https://www.labourcouncil.ca/sisters\_of\_the\_roundtable\_2019