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

July 2, 2015

Delegate present: Brian Mossop

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* Around 100 delegates attended the July 2 meeting of the Labour Council.
* The Continuing Education Students’ Association of Ryerson ([www.mycesar.ca](http://www.mycesar.ca)) became affiliated with Council, and a delegate from CESAR spoke briefly. CESAR is Local 105 of the Canadian Federation of Students, whose new president also addressed Council, talking about the need for students to work with labour.
* It was reported that a strike is likely to begin at Loblaws stores on Sunday July 5. There was an update on the United Steelworkers strike at Crown Holdings, now nearing its second anniversary; info: [www.takebacksnomore.ca](http://www.takebacksnomore.ca)
* There was a presentation on the Next Up project, which began in BC and will now be coming to the Toronto area. It gives people aged 18 to 32 leadership training for social and environmental justice projects. Info: [www.nextup.ca](http://www.nextup.ca)
* There was a slideshow presentation on the Pope’s encyclical on climate change and social justice by the Ontario English Catholic Teachers’ Association, Toronto Secondary Unit.
* There was a report on the “Jobs, Justice and Climate” march to be held Sunday, July 5 (Queen’s Park, 1 pm). Some big names will be speaking: Naomi Klein, Jane Fonda, David Suzuki and more! Info: [www.jobsjusticeclimate.ca](http://www.jobsjusticeclimate.ca)
* With the assistance of Craig Heron (YUFA), an arrangement has been made with the city’s Archives to store and make available to the public Council minutes going back to the 19th century.
* Labour Council is supporting the development of networks of union members in the following newcomer communities – Chinese, Filipino, Tamil, Somali, Bangladeshi and Ethiopian/Eritrean. Those interested in getting involved can sign up here or contact Sharon Simpson at ssimpson@labourcommunityservices.ca 416 445-5819 x 23. For the [Chinese Network flyer click here](http://www.labourcouncil.ca/uploads/8/8/6/1/8861416/chineseworkersnetwork.pdf), for the [Filipino flyer click here](http://www.labourcouncil.ca/uploads/8/8/6/1/8861416/empoweringworkersinvite.pdf). The importance of speaking to groups in their language was stressed. Info: [www.chineselabour.ca](http://www.chineselabour.ca) [www.filipinoworkers.org](http://www.filipinoworkers.org)
* A CUPW delegate gave an update on the campaign to stop the installation of community mailboxes in Toronto area ridings held by Conservatives.