

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TORONTO & YORK REGION LABOUR COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY, June 4, 2020

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President Cartwright via ZOOM.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:

Present were: Babbington, Irons, Hagi Yusuf, B'Dacy, Bruyn, Chang, David, Egan,
Ferraro, Kwok, Lima, Power, Spence, Tharani, Kidd
Excused were: Lobo, Jones
Staff: McMurray, Huang, Hashim, Maharaj, King, Mohamed, Shallhorn,
Lopez
CLC: Moraes

HARASSMENT STATEMENT:

Harassment statement was read.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL LANDS:

Acknowledgement was read.

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR VICTIMS OF COVID 19:

A moment of silence was observed former CUPW Toronto President - Megan Whitfield and also for the members who have lost their lives due to the pandemic.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

CREDENTIAL REPORT:

The following delegates were seated.

Brewery Workers Local 325

VOICES FROM THE FRONT LINE:

Mohammed Hashim spoke to the 3rd installment and showed clips from the episode.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT:

a) Speaker - Rima Berns-McGown

Rima Berns-McGown, NDP MPP for Beaches East York spoke to the issue of homelessness, homeless shelters and lack of affordable housing. She highlighted the dangers among the homeless community during this time of pandemic. She indicated that the number of homeless citizens would increase dramatically because of people will not be able to afford to pay rent during this critical time.

b) Statement - Two Years of Turmoil

The statement entitled "Two Years of Turmoil" was adopted and is attached to these minutes.

c) **Statement- Racism on the Front Page**

Danica Izzard and Ainsworth Spense, Co-chairs of the Equity Committee read the statement. The statement entitled "Racism on the Front Page" was adopted and is attached to these minutes.

d) **Statement - Cities Need Help**

The statement entitled "Cities Need Help" was adopted and is attached to these minutes.

e) **Small Group Discussion**

The delegates were placed into chat rooms to discuss options for the Labour Day Parade should the lock down continue. Many ideas were brought forward and will be added to the current list of suggestions.

CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS, COUNCIL PROJECTS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Josh Moraes, CLC provided a slide show presentation of the number of projects currently being run by them including long term care, anti-black statement, etc... All of the information can be accessed at canadianlabour.ca

Ralph Chatoor, Society of United Professionals reported on behalf of the Equity Committee. They continue to consider the possibility of a podcast in lieu of the cancellation of IWOC this year.

Laura Thompson, OPSEU Local 503 reported on behalf of the Women's Committee. They continue to meet via Zoom and discussions continue around COVID 19 issues around front line workers, disparity in deaths, etc... The Women's Committee is planning a Sisters of the Round Table in Fall 2020 about women and resilience.

REPORTS FROM UNIONS:

Miguel Lima, CUPE Local 4400 reported that they have a tentative agreement with TDSB. The agreement is being forwarded to the members for ratification.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.