

NUCAUT Report

Date: March 5, 2020
To: CAUT Council
From: Terri Van Steinburg, NUCAUT President
Re: **NUCAUT President Report**

Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) Canadian Council

As President, I represent NUCAUT at the Canadian Council of the CLC. The Canadian Council has met several times this past year and discussed several issues. Included in these discussions has been the attack on union rights by both the Alberta and Ontario governments. At the January 27, 2020 Canadian Council meeting, Alberta Federation of Labour (AFL) President, Gil McGowan spoke about Premier Kenny and his government's plans to introduce legislation that will significantly restrict the ability of unions to speak out on behalf of their members. The legislation will also restrict unions' ability to run advocacy campaigns in the public interest by importing US-style right-to-work rules. The AFL is planning to fight this and have asked for financial help from the labour movement and allies.

As you may know, UNIFOR and the Carpenters' Union have left the CLC. This has caused some financial challenges for the Congress. To address this, the Canadian Council is recommending to the 2020 CLC Convention a per capita increase of two cents per year for three years, beginning in 2021.

CLC Parliament Hill Day 2020

Over 400 workers were in Ottawa on February 25th for the CLC lobby day. Workers called on MPs to support a universal, single-payer pharmacare plan; retirement security; a \$15 minimum wage and more.

NUCAUT and CLC Conventions

The 7th NUCAUT Convention will take place Sunday, May 3, 2020 in Vancouver, BC. We will hear reports from officers and committee representatives, review resolutions, elect a National Executive Board, hear from candidates who are running for CLC positions and prepare for the CLC convention.

The CLC Convention takes place Monday, May 4 to Friday, May 8, 2020 in Vancouver, BC. The agenda includes debate on a number of important resolutions and policy papers, keynote speakers and committee reports.

Hassan Yussuff is not running for another term as President of the CLC, so elections will be held for this position. There are currently two candidates for this position, Linda Silas from the Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions and Beatrice Bruske from United Food and Commercial Workers Union. There will be elections held for most of the other officer positions as well.

I want to close by thanking and recognizing the work done by the National Executive Board of NUCAUT over the past three years. Thank you to Vice- President, Leslie Molnar, Treasurer, Robert Farmer, Member-at-Large West, Mike Shaw, Member-at-Large Central, Jim Ketchen and Member-at-Large East, Robin Vose.

I also want to thank NUCAUT/CAUT Executive Director, David Robinson for his work on behalf of the Executive Board and NUCAUT members.

In solidarity,

Terri Van Steinburg,
NUCAUT President