

Amalgamated Transit Union Canada



ATU Canada Conference Day 1

Date: September 30, 2025

Location: Fairmont Hotel, Edmonton, AB

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Time: 9:05 am

Roll Call

Attending:	John Di Nino	President
	Eric Tuck	Executive Vice President
	Aleem Tharani	Financial Secretary
	Darcy Pedersen	West Board Member
	Bill Johnson	West Board Member
	Jack Jackson	East Board Member
	Ken Hart	East Board Member
	Rob Cormier	East Board Member
	Manny Sforza	International Vice President
	Ken Wilson	International Vice President
	John Callahan	International Vice President

- JD addresses delegation and state's theme "Building lower"
- Singing of Canadian National Anthem
- Moment of silence and recognize Truth & Reconciliation Day
- JD talks about our history and 10 year anniversary of ATU Canada
- Land acknowledgement by Aaron Paquette City Councillor for Ward Dene Edmonton
- JD thanks host local Edmonton 569 and introduce Steve Bradshaw to addresses delegation
- President Bradshaw welcomes everyone and talks about attractions in Edmonton. Steve states hospitality suite co-sponsored by Calgary Local 583 and talks about current municipal election & current labour fights/struggles (teachers, postal workers) Steve thanks ATU Canada staff and Local 569 staff for work done behind the scenes
- President DiNino recognizes Steve Bradshaw, Scott Gordon, Eric Tuck as previous VP's of ATU Canada
- Scott Gordon and Eric Tuck say a Few words of wisdom to delegation
- President DiNino introduces Mayor Amarjeet Sohi
- Mayor of Edmonton addresses delegation and states he was a former member of ATU Local 569. Mayor Sohi talks about organizing and importance of power. Mayor Johi talks about organizing para transit and joining ATU
- President DiNino introduces MP Heather McPherson and she addresses delegation
- MP McPherson talks about operating funding and better jobs such as ATU union jobs

- President DiNino introduces Edmonton Transit Branch Manager Carrie Hotton - MacDonald and she addresses delegation
- President DiNino introduces President of Alberta Federation of Labour Gil McGowan
- Gil addresses delegation and states stranger together and how ATU punches above its weight
- JP President of OPSEU addresses delegation through video and thanks ATU for continued support
- President DiNino states election tomorrow for vacant VP spot
- Bylaw Committee announced: Marvin Alfred, Mike Mahar, Gord Campbell, Joe McCann, Al Peressini
- Balloting Committee announced: John Zahreddine, Claudio Cappadocia, Harry Lew, Tyson Materi, Nicole Trotter
- Harassment Committee announced: Renee Dunn, Angie Clark, Cory McLeod
- Chris Scott Local 1505 move to accept previous minutes of previous conference, seconded by Paul Doucette 107

Motion - by Chris Scott, Local 1505, to adopt the minutes, seconded by Paul Doucette, Local 107 motion carried

- President Di Nino goes through financial report & audit and touches on litigation case in Quebec with Local 1415 member

Motion - to accept the financials by Patricio Garcia, Local 508, Seconded by Crystal Hanley, Local 1505 motion carried

- President Di Nino shows Balance Sheet
- President Di Nino introduces IP John A Costa
- IP John A Costa addresses delegation, talks about strike in Cape Cod, Mass and came straight from there, strike fund on our website for 1548. President Costa talks about our voice, our power and importance of transit. Costa recognizes ATU organizers Sarah, Eric, & Nabila, Costa recognizes IST Ken Kirk, IVP Manny Sforza, John Callahan and Ken Wilson. Costa talks about ride share drivers and possible organizing drive. Costa sends regrets from IEVP Yvette.
- IP Costa talks about atomization and visiting Japan due to introduction of new trains in Washington 689 and no drivers
- IP Costa talks about bus of the future and thanks Canada and Local 113 for continued work
- IP Costa touches on CA with Local 569, assisting Local 588 and 1724
- IP Costa talks about elections matter and brings up Matthew Green
- Gord Frew Local 113 asks about new facility
- IP Costa talks about new facility update on Dupont Circle and hopefully completed in June 2026
- President Di Nino thanks Watson Palmer for sponsoring lunch
- President Di Nino recognizes Bob Bean, Tommy Mason, Michael Donahue, Sergeant of Arms Paul & Kathy and ATU Canada EB

- IVP's address delegation
- Ken Kirk IST addresses delegation
- President Di Nino introduces Cavin from Promote Unions and thanks them for sponsoring breakfast this morning
- Riley Palmer - Watson Palmer Labour Lawyers does presentation on AI and how it is affecting Labour and Labour Relations, including privacy, representation, autonomous vehicles. Riley does intro of training program called Labour Wyse
- Presentation on Political Action Training by Matthew Green and how elections matter
- Presentation on federation of Labour training by Mike Maguire from OFL who states on importance of affiliations with Federations of Labour and community involvement

Motion: to adjourn carried

Minutes submitted by Aleem Tharani
Secretary to the Board ATU Canada

President

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Financial Secretary

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