

Amalgamated Transit Union Canada



ATU Canada Conference Day 3

Date: October 2, 2025

Location: Fairmont Hotel, Edmonton, AB

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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

- President Di Nino introduces Naheed Nenshi MLA, NDP Leader in Alberta
- Naheed Nenshi talks about how important public transit is and how the government has a responsibility to protect workers and compensate workers. He states we need our members to engage in politics and create positive change
- President DiNino thanks Canadian Benefits for sponsoring breakfast and introduces Joyce Strasbourg & Roy Rastic
- Roy talks about benefits and how much they actually cost and the importance of bargaining for benefits
- President DiNino acknowledges Marvin Alferd birthday
- President DiNino thanks UPFH for sponsoring dinner tonight and introduces Ian Fellows and Kassia Bonisteel
- Ian fellows presents on Drug Testing and how it is affecting our Locals
- Ian presents case law showing previous rulings and what they looked like, including medical science
- Kassia talks about how she challenged Dr. Snider - Maler evidence and was successful in Arbitration with ATU 1587 and that other unions have never challenged Snider -Adler evidence
- President DiNino introduces ATU Organizers Eric, Sarah and Nabila
- Eric recognizes Locals 846, 741, 113, 1624, 1573 and 1572, IVP Ken Wilson and talks about a technique called salting and used in Local 508 and 846

- Nabila talks about Cynthia Block Mayor in Saskatoon with Local 615 and getting a pro transit Mayor elected and 1st woman mayor in Saskatoon
- Sara talks about organizing drive in Strathcona, Alberta Local 501 and how difficult it has been and using a technique called house calls and how things changed for the better
- President Di Nino recognizes Travis Oberg for contribution to ATU Canada Executive Board
- President Di Nino introduces Jocelyn Johnson
- Jocelyn talks about organizing drive in Strathcona and how it started with a handful of women and power napping their work location
- Raffle draw winner is Tommy Mason Local 726
- Union Savings' draw winner is Raj Brar Local 569 for \$1000 to any charity
- Mike Mahar talks about his members and how these assaults have changed their lives. Mike talks about tools that we need to use and how education is needed for harsher penalties. Developing a decal to inform the public of criminal charges and penalties for transit worker assault. Mike suggests a council be created to advocate for better safety features where ATU is the leading Force and not CUTA
- President Di Nino states we will work with Local Presidents to figure out details including funding
- General discussion on topic
- Crystal Hanley 1505 asked for update on lobby days
- President Di Nino states no lobby days scheduled for this fall
- President Di Nino recognizes Steve Bradshaw and Steve addresses delegation and thanks his local and all of ATU
- President Di Nino states ATU Canada 2026 will be in Halifax Local 508

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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