

Amalgamated Transit Union Canada



ATU Canada Conference Day 3

Date: September 19, 2024

Location: Sheraton Hotel, Hamilton, ON

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Time: 8:33 am

- John Di Nino states all funds for Local 1724 should be sent to ATU Canada
- Intro of Canadian Benefits, only work with unions and not for profits and help with benefit plans and in bargaining
- Touches on importance of mental health benefits
- Di Nino speaks about organizing drive started in 2018 and hiring of organizers. Di Nino speaks about history and successful organizing drive (17 over the 2 years) introduces Justin Panos
- Organizing Video played
- Justin Panos states Costa has played a vital role in organizing and give support along with ATU Canada
- Panos talks about Jane McAlevey and “workers win when you create a crisis for the boss” talks about current campaign/strike at 1724, highlights successful campaigns with 107, 846, 1505, 1320, 616, 113 & 1572 in the last 6-9 months
- Di Nino introduces ATU 113 Job Action committee (JAC)
- Danny Naccarrato 113 addresses delegation on behalf of JAC and gives history & build up successful campaign
- Importance of membership engagement and also maintenance & transportation workers walking together
- Costa acknowledges JAC and address delegation, touches on organized people and organized money and how important it really is
- Marvin Alfred 113 thanks JAC and EB and how we achieved the win
- Costa invites 113 JAC to New York for International Convention
- Riley Palmer does presentation
- Talks about training and education for members all the way to EB and officer’s courses on investigations, contract settlements, duty to accommodate etc.
- Eric Fischler wins draw for leaf tickets
- Costa states ATU is going to team up with Watson Palmer for some training, possibly 1 in the East & 1 in the west
- Introduction of David Cooper from Leading mobility, he is 3rd generation transit worker
- Touches on operating budget shortfalls across the country, Di Nino talks about David travelling Canada for the next year advocating transit worker safety and teaming up with ATU Canada
- Di Nino states no bylaw changes & no motions to vote on
- Di Nino acknowledges ATU Canada staff
- Paul Doucette 107 point of privilege thanking ATU Canada staff for help with booklet
- Crystal Hanley 1505 asks about E & I committee



- Di Nino states meeting with committee in November and will stay in touch
- ATU Canada 2025 conference being planned for Edmonton
- Andrew Falotico presents on bus of the future and thanks the TTC for bringing vehicles to ATU Canada and picking up the cost
- Transit innovation symposium on Feb 25, 2025, at Centennial College
- Chris Scot 1505 talks about improvements to driver's workstation and going to push this with new flyer, also encourages locals to work with colleges to impact change
- Andrew states assaults are up 300% over the last 12 years
- Bem Case address delegation and provides support
- Di Nino acknowledges TTC staff
- Steve Bradshaw 569 talks about Edmonton hosting next year and is looking forward to it
- Max Matharu acknowledges Mohammed Rana 113 birthday
- Di Nino gives closing remarks

Motion: to adjourn carried

Minutes submitted by Aleem Tharani
Secretary to the Board ATU Canada

