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ETFO Annual Meeting - August 15-18, 2011

It was an election year at the Annual Meeting this year, and nothing is more exciting for delegates than an election. On Wednesday, the day for the election of ETFO Executive, we also had visits from the leaders of the Provincial NDP, Andrea Horwath, and the Provincial Liberal party, Dalton McGuinty. Both addressed the house. They were met with the floor of delegates awash with yellow. Every delegate was wearing an ETFO issued t-shirt, proclaiming the message, "Because Education Matters".

It was an imposing sight! That morning as the ETT contingent was having breakfast, we also entertained candidates running for ETFO positions. ETT members can be proud of the fact that we now have two members sitting on the ETFO Executive, Karen Brown was returned as an Executive Officer (Female), and Pam Dogra was newly elected as an Executive Officer. Needless to say our delegation was very happy with the results.



Labour Day Parade - September 5, 2011

With the untimely passing of Jack Layton, the Labour Day Parade was a somber event this year. Commemorative buttons were worn and many signs depicted memories of the Federal NDP leader, including quotes from his "Last Letter to Canadians".

ETT marchers were part of a strong education contingent at this year's Labour Day Parade. ETT members joined other education sector marchers, as well as other unionized workers in the annual event. ETT members in the parade had free entry to the C.N.E., enjoying a day with family and friends.



"Don't let
them
tell you
it can't
be done."


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My friends, love is better than anger. Hope is better than fear. Optimism is better than despair. So let us be loving, hopeful and optimistic. And we'll change the world.



Rally for Toronto - September 26, 2011

ETT members will join labour and community groups demonstrating outside of the City Council Meeting on Monday, Sept. 26th, starting at 5:30. The message is a simple one to the Mayor and to the Councillors that still support him: Build Toronto, don't destroy it! Stop the cuts to public services! Defend Good Jobs!



**Save city services
Defend good jobs
Rally for
TORONTO!**

Stop the cuts!

- library services
- environmental services
- public transit
- arts funding
- Wm. Lumsden
- social housing
- recreation programs
- public recycling programs
- public garbage collection
- Water Toronto Inc.
- MSO preservation services
- Toronto Symphony Orchestra
- Toronto Atmospheric Fund
- performing arts centres
- subsidized child care
- school nutrition
- water fluoridation
- Made on Wheels
- recycling
- Halton Region
- the Department of Education
- Exhibition Place
- lots of light buses
- more charging
- Toronto City
- Public Housing
- parking
- Wheat-Flour
- a living wage
- mental care
- Worship Centre

**Rally Outside the
City Council Meeting
Monday Sept 26, 5:30 PM, City Hall**
www.facebook.com/RespectToronto

Provincial Election - October 6, 2011

ETFO and ETT take very seriously the responsibility to advocate for issues in and around public education. When elections come around we carefully examine and scrutinize the priorities and positions of the various political parties and/or candidates. After thorough consideration, candidates and/or parties that demonstrate an understanding of the value and importance of public education, and other issues of societal benefit, are those that earn endorsements by this organization. Oftentimes we do this in co-operation with our education partners, i.e., other education affiliates. ETFO unveiled its provincial platform, "Building Better Schools", a full year before this election. There is a complete repository of election related material on the ETFO website (etfo.ca) and the ETT website (ett.ca), including party platforms, ad campaigns, and a list of how to get further involved in the campaign. General election information can be obtained at the Elections Ontario website (elections.on.ca), including lists of candidates in ridings, polling instructions, etc. We encourage members to view the complete list of endorsements on our website. We will also have a list of endorsed candidates from sister locals in the GTA.

Although not every member will agree with every endorsement made by the Executive, many members do appreciate the time and effort that goes into the research, and give our recommendations due consideration when they participate in the election process.

ETT Endorsed Candidates - October 2011

Beaches – East York	NDP	Michael Prue, MPP
Davenport	Liberal	Cristina Martins
Don Valley East	Liberal	Michael Coteau
Don Valley West	Liberal	Kathleen Wynne, MPP
Eglinton – Lawrence	Liberal	Mike Colle, MPP
Etobicoke Centre	Liberal	Donna Cansfield, MPP
Etobicoke – Lakeshore	Liberal	Laurel Broten, MPP
Etobicoke North	Liberal	Shafiq Qaadri, MPP
Parkdale – High Park	NDP	Cheri DiNovo, MPP
Pickering – Scarborough East	Liberal	Tracy MacCharles
St. Paul's	Liberal	Eric Hoskins, MPP
Scarborough – Agincourt	Liberal	Soo Wong
Scarborough – Centre	Liberal	Brad Duguid, MPP
Scarborough – Guildwood	Liberal	Margarett Best, MPP
Scarborough – Rouge River	Liberal	Bas Balkissoon, MPP
Scarborough – Southwest	Liberal	Lorenzo Berardinetti, MPP
Toronto Centre	Liberal	Glen Murray MPP
Toronto Danforth	NDP	Peter Tabuns, MPP
Trinity – Spadina	NDP	Rosario Marchese, MPP
Willowdale	Liberal	David Zimmer, MPP
York Centre	Liberal	Monte Kwinter, MPP
York South – Weston	Liberal	Laura Albanese, MPP
York West	Liberal	Mario Sergio, MPP

Campaign Involvement by Members

ETT's Regional Council has put together an initiative wherein schools are encouraged to utilize ETFO's election materials (mailed out to stewards), "Building Better Schools" and "Because Education Matters", and distribute to residents in their school communities. The purpose is to raise the profile of Education as an election issue (current polling puts education as the 3rd priority for voters).

ETT members are further encouraged to make a concerted push (along with members of the other education affiliates, OECTA, OSSTF, CUPE) during the final two weeks of the campaign period, to go to endorsed candidate campaign offices, and help in their campaigns after school, for a few hours, however many times they can arrange to do so. Campaign offices will be notified to expect the volunteers. Extra help could include: inside office work (e.g., phoning, polling), delivering or putting up signs, literature drops, etc. Every little bit will help. Look for additional information on our website (ett.ca), including campaign office locations.