



NORTH BAY & DISTRICT
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Attention: Labour celebrates years of hard work

“We’ve been speaking to the Ontario Government’s plan to update the two labour laws with great clarity and vision,” say North Bay and District Labour Council President, Henri Giroux. “We started this process over two years ago, educating our community, organizing around grassroots strategy, and mobilizing to carry our message to law makers.”

“This is what democracy looks like,” adds Giroux. “The Liberal Government heard our message loud and clear and has drafted Bill 148, *Fair Workplaces, Better Jobs Act*, with some of our recommendations in mind.”

“Although we applaud the government’s proposed Labour Law changes, like the minimum wage adjustment, Bill 148 doesn’t go far enough,” states Giroux, “which is why over a dozen activists will be delivering presentations at the Best Western, Tuesday July 11th, to MPPs, who will be in North Bay for the consultation process of Bill 148.”

“We want to see stronger regulations for temp agencies because employers use them to circumvent the Employment Standards Act. We also want to end the practice of intimidation and bullying that happens when workers try to form a workplace union. In addition, low-wage workers require paid emergency leaves so they can properly take care of loved ones during tough times.

Together with the Ontario Federation of Labour, Labour Council is hosting a Solidarity Breakfast to honour the hard work and bravery of local activists who have been fighting for Labour law reform for years.

The Solidarity Breakfast is July 11, from 7AM to 9AM, in the Ontario room at the Best Western on Lakeshore.