



Statement by NDP MPP Jagmeet Singh on the Region of Peel

Mississauga, Ont. – Jagmeet Singh, NDP MPP for Bramalea-Gore-Malton, supports the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 966 members striking against the Region of Peel.

"I stand in solidarity with the sisters and brothers of CUPE Local 966," said Singh in standing up for workers' rights.

More than 500 members of CUPE Local 966 Ontario Works Unit, mostly women, are on strike for respect and equality with other workers in the Region.

"I am very concerned that the majority of people being affected by this labour dispute are women," Singh continued. "Most of the people on strike are women and many of those affected – those who cannot receive services - are women."

The strikers are asking to be treated the same way other workers have been treated in the Region.

"I'm hoping that the two sides can reach an agreement at the bargaining table." he concluded.

The CUPE Local 966 Ontario Works members have been on strike since May 3. The Region of Peel Public Works Unit of CUPE Local 966 will be in a legal strike/lockout position on June 3; Peel Transhelp workers, also members of CUPE Local 966 have requested a 'no board' from the Ministry of Labour, starting the countdown for a possible strike or lockout.

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