

Hello [retiree-members of CUPE](#) across Ontario,

Here is my September report to all of you.

I am wondering if there are ways in which you might help (at your local or in your community) to bring retiree issues to our [Community Not Cuts](#) campaign.

With the Ford Conservatives about to ramp up and widen the cuts to the range of services retirees used to deliver and now expect to rely upon as we age.

Communities Not Cuts



Our Retirees Network's first campaign activity is to engage with the October 1st [International Day of Older Persons](#).

Action required:

1. The cuts to the services delivered by our now-retired members will be highlighted in a one page background fact sheet. and a press release.
2. In our materials we will point out that Ford's cuts are in violation of the human rights of older persons (ref: the [UN Independent Expert on older adults](#).)
3. Our fact sheet and press release will spotlight the impact of these cuts on CUPE's retired members. Their reliance on long term care facilities, hospitals, municipal health service supports for disabilities are increasing just as those services fall victim to dramatic cutbacks.
4. The impact of profit-driven climate disruption on the very survival of our retirees' grandchildren will be noted.
5. Our materials will also point to expected violations of a number of international agreements under with the [ILO](#), the [WHO](#) and the 1991 [UN Principles for Older Persons](#).
6. The Ontario Federation of Union Retirees board has expanded on this message across Ontario via each of the affiliated unions in the lead up to October 1st.
7. CUPE retirees will attend [IDOP](#) community events in Hamilton, Durham region, Toronto, and Ottawa.

National Convention

Resolutions and Constitutional Amendments designed to duplicate the CUPE Ontario model of retiree engagement across the country and at National conventions will be debated.

Action required:

1. Publicize resolution numbers
2. Lobby by OD members on constitution and resolution convention committees
3. CUPE Ontario table promotion (arranged)
4. Speakers Notes (drafted)
5. Recruit local presidents to speak in support.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

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