

Communities Not Cuts



Members of our Retirees Network joined other union retirees to mark October 1st, the [International Day of Older Persons](#) in Toronto.

Our CUPE Ontario media release marked October 1st by naming the direct impact of Ford's cuts on our retired members. Many of whom are now seeking the very community public services which they were delivering before retirement.

The release pointed to our retirees' reliance on long term care facilities, hospitals, municipal health services and supports for workers with disabilities. This reliance is accelerating just as services fall victim to Ford's 'efficiencies'.

As a member of the Ontario Federation of Union Retirees's board I was able to amplify our *Communities Not Cuts* message when writing OFUR's October 1st press release. It pointed to the effects of Ford's plunder on retirees within all Ontario unions.



Building our retirees network

The retirees' caucus from convention met last month to review progress on implementing this year's retirees activation resolution which called for expanding the network and our promotion of retiree committees at locals and district councils.

Our constitutional amendment for National that would have duplicated the CUPE Ontario model of retiree engagement across the country was about to hit the floor when quorum was lost on the final day of convention. Still, our delegate networking in Montreal will help our organizing as we build support in other divisions for 2021.

The promotion of retiree engagement at the CACO/HCWCC conferences and at the fall school was a great success and resulted in the exchange of a whole range of creative forms for retiree activation in CUPE Ontario.

Our <https://cupe.on.ca/retirees-network/> page has had a refreshing facelift making it an up to date resource for locals and councils.



October lunch meeting session on maintaining retiree activism