

Ryan and Shelton win NDP Nominations

CUPE Ontario's Sid Ryan and Antoni Shelton have both won the NDP nomination to run in the October 10th provincial election, bringing new energy and new members to their respective ridings. Ryan will run in Oshawa while Shelton will make his first foray into electoral politics in the riding of York West.

In a packed meeting hall in Oshawa on Wednesday July 18, Ryan won the nomination over fellow candidate Julia McCrae. Current and new Oshawa NDP Riding Association members were joined by a large number of CUPE members along with leaders and members from a number of unions including the OFL, OPSEU, Sheet Metal Workers, CAW and OSSTF.

Shelton's entry into the NDP's York West race has had a tremendous galvanizing effect in the riding. Hundreds of new members were signed up. While Shelton won the nomination, fellow candidate Garth Bobb made it clear to those present that results be considered a unanimous vote and that everyone agree to work together to defeat the Liberal incumbent Mario Sergio, who has been virtually invisible in the riding.

CUPE is playing a major role in the election with a number of provincial candidates. Those already nominated for the NDP include:

- Henri Giroux, (Nipissing), CUPE 146 and President of the CUPE North Bay District Council
- John Grima (Essex), CUPE 82 and President of the Windsor District Council
- Pauline Kuhlmann (Leeds-Grenville) of CUPE 5666

Johanna Ellis (Kitchener-Conestoga) of CUPE 791 will run for the NDP nomination in August.