



**CUPE Ontario**

# Trades Conference

**Crowne Plaza Niagara Falls  
5685 Falls Ave., Niagara Falls L2E 6W7  
November 11 to 14, 2014**

**All hotel reservations are to be made  
through W.E. Travel at 1-888-676-7747  
cut-off date: October 16<sup>th</sup>**

<b>REGISTRATION FEE:</b>	<b>Affiliates</b>	<b>\$225.00</b>
	<b>Non-Affiliates</b>	<b>\$375.00</b>
<b>Late Fee per delegate after October 31<sup>st</sup></b>		<b>\$50.00</b>

<b>REGISTRATION :</b>	<b>3:00 – 6:00 P.M.</b>
<b>OPENING PLENARY:</b>	<b>6:30 – 9:00 P.M.</b>

If you require small local financial assistance, on-site childcare,  
or have accessibility requirements,  
please feel free to call the Ontario Division at  
905-739-9739, or go to our website at [www.cupe.on.ca](http://www.cupe.on.ca)

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## AGENDA

### Tuesday, November 11

3:00 - 6:00 pm  
6:30 pm

Registration

Call to Order

- John Camilleri, CUPE Ontario Executive Board Liaison & Co-chair
- Equality Statement

Joanne Webb - Diversity Vice President - Aboriginal Workers

Labour Council Welcome

- Adoption of Agenda
- Introduction of Trades Committee

Report from the Committee Co-Chairs, Gaetano Franco & John Camilleri  
Fred Hahn – President, CUPE Ontario

Keynote Speaker

- TBA

9:00pm

Welcome Reception

### Wednesday, November 12

8:00 - 9:00 am  
9:00 – 10:00 am  
10:00 – 10:15 am  
10:15 – 12:00 pm

Registration

Blain Morin – CUPE National H & S Rep

Lifestyle Break

Ontario College of Trades – Discipline

- Speaker TBA

12:15 – 1:45 pm  
1:45 – 2:45 pm

Lunch

Release of CUPE Trades Survey Results – Venai Raniga – CUPE  
Researcher

Ontario Political Opinion Survey – Chris Watson – Political Liaison CUPE  
Ontario

2:45 – 3:00 pm  
3:00 – 4:30 pm

Lifestyle Break

CETA

### Thursday, November 13

9:00 – 9:30 am  
9:30 – 10:15 am

TBA

Ontario Federation of Labour - Apprenticeship Committee

Gord Falconer - National Representative, International Association of  
Machinists and Aerospace Workers

10:15 – 10:30 am  
10:30 – 12:00 pm  
12:00 – 1:30 pm

Lifestyle Break

Workshops – To be announced

Lunch

1:30 – 2:45 pm  
2:45 – 3:00 pm  
3:00 – 4:30 pm

Town hall

Lifestyle Break

reporting back from Workshops and Development of Action Plan

### Friday, November 14

9:00 - 12:00 pm

Candace Rennick – Secretary-Treasurer, CUPE Ontario

Final Report Back and Adoption of Action Plan

Other Business

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**WORKSHOPS**

**1. Women in the Trades**

Delegates will be asked to look at the systemic barriers experienced by women working in traditional and non-tradition trades. How do we start to break down barriers, move forward and search out the opportunities and solutions? (Open to All)

**2. Trades Talking About Trades**

Trades and the duties workers perform have evolved because of de-skilling and multi-skilling in our workplaces. Delegates in this workshop are asked to bring their job descriptions and start the discussion as to where all of this is going and what can we do about it.

**3. Taking on Privatization**

This workshop examines the biggest threat to CUPE jobs and public services. Find out how to spot the early warning sign of privatization, respond to privatization and contracting-out threats and how to build a campaign to fight privatization in your local.

**4. Future of the Trades**

This workshop will look at what is happening to Trades in society and the depletion of skilled labour in Ontario and Canada as a whole. We will look at ways to increase the profile of Trades in the public.

