

Durham Transit Workers Vote to Strike

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Members of CAW Local 222 have voted to strike as October 6, 2006 if their demands for their first contract with the region are not met.

Durham Region councillors, who are all Durham Region Transit commissioners, have taken a regressive approach to the negotiations as they've directed the commission's bargaining team to:

reduce benefits for all employees, including retirees;

take away the cost of living adjustment (COLA);

cancel paid education;

remove contracting-out language;

and implement more part-time jobs as opposed to full-time jobs.

Such demands at a time when the job of driving and/or maintaing a transit vehicle is more stressful than ever due to shortened run times, over-crowding, assaults and old equipment, are absurd. They are also emblematic of an on-going attack on the quality of life for working people across this country.

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