

## **Political Action Report** **for the DOTL Annual Meeting, May 28, 2025**

Your PAC team has been hard at work on behalf of ETFO-DOTL members. One of our primary responsibilities is to be aware of ongoing issues that impact our membership.

We have been very active in tracking local, provincial and federal issues that have implications for Durham Occasional Teachers.

The provincial takeover in Thames Valley by Minister Calandra and investigations in Ottawa, and, potentially, Toronto have caused a stir which is being felt across the province.

Your PAC Team will be monitoring any developments very closely. During the recent federal election we published our Heads Up newsletter in order to generate interest in the campaign.

We also advocated for parties with progressive policies which were aligned with our objectives and goals as a local.

The ETFO-DOTL Facebook group was useful in engaging members with posts informing and encouraging electors to get out and vote.

Members of your PAC team attended the April 5th political action workshop convened by the Canadian Labour Congress in Oshawa. The theme was “Having Difficult Political Conversations”.

Your PAC team came away with numerous practical ideas and made some great contacts.

As your delegate on Durham Labour Council, I have participated in all monthly meetings at the Brotherhood of Electrical Workers headquarters in Oshawa. During these events, I have voiced the concerns of our Occasional Teachers regarding the lack of support in dealing with violence in the classroom. It is a situation which is quickly becoming untenable for our members.

The DLC has been instrumental in supporting us.

Last month saw the first joint meeting of the PAC teams of the Durham Occasional Teachers and the Permanent ETFO locals in close to a decade. We convened the “PAC a lunch” meeting at our offices at 1077 Boundary Rd. We resolved to continue our close cooperation and our unprecedented sharing of resources as part of a provincial PAC Network.

On April 28th, your PAC Team participated in a Durham Labour Council's Day of Mourning for injured and deceased workers. These kinds of events are very important not only to commemorate workers and their families, but also as part of our efforts at community engagement and outreach.

Thanks to all members of our team for their due diligence and tireless efforts on behalf of Occasional Teachers.

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