

CUPE 997 Conference Report

CUPE Ontario Health and Safety Conference in Sudbury

October 12-15 2006

The Conference started on Thursday with guest speakers Wyman MacKinnon, Anthony Pizzino, Sid Ryan, Eli Martel. Shelley Martel with great speeches. Friday consisted of a Town Hall in the morning with the Locals discussing Health and Safety issues. Workshops started in the afternoon and continued into Saturday. Saturday afternoon we meet together and discussed all of the results from each workshop. On Sunday the guest speakers were Paul Moist and Alec Farquator.

The topics in the workshops were:

- Communicable Diseases/Community Safety
- Harassment /Bullying/Violence (MOL, Policy, JHSC)
- Mould, Asbestos, Hygiene, Fire Code and Electrical Issue
- Beginners-terms of reference, WHMIS, Right to refuse, Enforcement/Inspection

CUPE 997 Delegates to the Conference: Rob Parish and Irene Redwood. Rob went to the Mould, Asbestos, Hygiene, Fire Code and electrical issues and found it very informative. Irene attended the Harassment, Bullying, and Violence and found out that the issue was in all sectors that were present at the conference. There were over 200 delegates for the conference, which the organizers were very pleased by. The next conference will be in 2008 somewhere in Southern Ontario.

Submitted by: Irene Redwood

“Be it resolved the CUPE 997 Conference Report Re the CUPE Ontario Health and Safety Conference” be received.

Motion: Irene Redwood Seconded: Rob Parish Carried