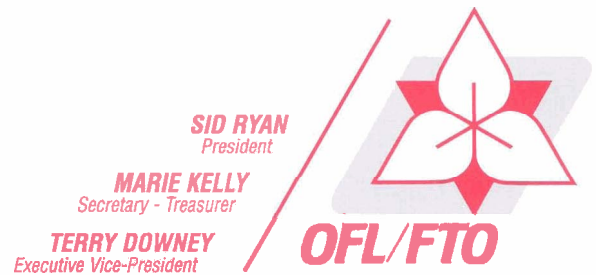


March 2010



TO: ALL AFFILIATES

**OFL 2nd ABORIGINAL GATHERING
“WALKING IN OUR MOCCASINS”
SHERATON HAMILTON HOTEL
116 KING STREET W. HAMILTON, ON L8P 4V3
JUNE 2 – 4, 2010**

Walking In Our Moccasins the second Aboriginal Gathering sponsored by the Ontario Federation of Labour (OFL) will be held from June 2-4 2010, in Hamilton Ontario. The Gathering is open to **all** trade union members and community groups. A sliding fee is available to registrants upon request.

Globally, the Aboriginal world reflects a link between all living forms and considers each of these forms sacred. Cycles within nature, such as the seasons of spring, summer, fall, and winter, are a main teacher of Aboriginal peoples and form the basis of belief systems.

This second Gathering will encompass all of this interconnectedness by providing a space for participants to experience “*Walking In Our Moccasins*” by visiting the Six Nations Reserve and embracing the Aboriginal culture first hand.

A registration form is enclosed. The registration fee is \$160.00. Please note that the deadline for registration is **May 25, 2010**. Please send the completed registration form together with cheque payable to “**OFL 2nd Aboriginal Gathering**”. We expect space will be limited and registrations will be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis.

Participants are responsible for making their own hotel arrangements. The Sheraton Hamilton Hotel has reserved a block of rooms for us at \$129.00 plus tax per night until **May 2, 2010** after which they will be placed back into their general inventory. **To book your hotel room please contact W.E. Travel at 1.888.676.7747** and indicate you are attending the OFL Aboriginal Gathering in order for you to qualify for this rate.

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Child Care

It is the OFL policy that we will provide child care services if more than ten (10) children are registered for this service. The deadline for the child care registration is **May 14, 2010**, as we must make these arrangements separately with the child care provider. We have enclosed a **Child Care Registration Form**.

Accommodation

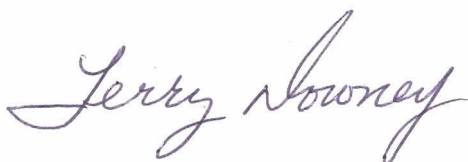
Accommodation can be provided for delegates with disabilities if advance notice is received. If services are needed, please complete and return the attached **Personal Assistance Request Form to us by May 14, 2010**.

Allergy Alert Notice

As is the OFL policy, this Gathering will be scent free to ensure the active involvement of those with chemical sensitivity.

For more information please contact Janice Gairey at 416.443.7687. Additional registration forms may be obtained from the OFL website at www.ofl.ca or by contacting Paulette Hazel at (416) 443.7667 or toll-free at 1.800.668.9138.

In solidarity,



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Executive Vice-President

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