



From this day forth, the unions of Ontario will be moving in the same direction. I am committed to uniting every union in the province under the banner of the Ontario Federation of Labour. That will be true unity and true solidarity.

*Chris Buckley, President  
Ontario Federation of Labour*



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## RESOLUTIONS CORNER

The following resolutions were adopted by Convention:

Action Plan, as amended (covering resolutions: #25, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 44, 46, 47, 69, 82), ER#4 – New Ellis Don Bill, #93 – Support for Child Care Workers, #95 – Stop the Energy East Pipeline (Referred from EB, Requires 2/3), #81 – Revenue Tools, #62 – Mental Injury Tool for Ontario Workers



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# FRIDAY REPORT

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## BOLD NEW ACTION PLAN CHARTS THE COURSE FOR A LABOUR UNITY

*The final day of the 2015 OFL Convention saw delegates come together to pass an expansive 52 page Action Plan, with a broad array of amendments that transformed the blue print into a truly collective expression of the Ontario We Want.*

The closing morning of convention did much more than simply wrap up the administrative loose ends of the Federation's most important decision-making body, it brought together much of the discussion and debate that had filled the convention floor for the past four days.

First on the docket for the morning was consideration of the 2015 OFL Action Plan. Having received much debate on the floor on Wednesday, the document was returned to the delegates on Friday morning with a series of enhancements, reflecting the direction given by delegates in days previous. These new additions hit the floor as amendments and were adopted amid further discussion and debate. A revised copy of the Action Plan will be posted to the OFL website shortly and will serve as the road map for activism and unity over the next two years.

The morning also provided an opportunity for delegates to consider a handful of motions that had not made the order paper on Thursday, including a bold statement of opposition to the Energy East Pipeline.

North Bay Labour Council President Henri Giroux recounted how the pipeline executive repented to community concerns about water contamination with a flippant offer of bottled water. Other delegates called for the creation of good green jobs and a greater commitment to environmental protection.

In the mid-morning session, delegates were joined by Ontario NDP Labour Critic Cindy Forster (MPP Welland), who brought greetings from NDP Leader Andrea Horwath and a renewed promise of solidarity and support from her party.

"As a nurse, I know what it is like to have a union," Forster declared to delegates. "Unions are the difference between having no benefits and no pension and lifting the standards of every worker. We have an opportunity before us today to build unity inside and outside the legislature for labour laws that strengthen the wages, benefits and rights of every worker."

OFL President Chris Buckley ended the convention with a promise to reach across differences in the labour movement to bring in a new era of labour unity and solidarity.



Hilarious host David Sparrow (ACTRA) opens the evening



2015 Scholarship recipient Leizl Anne Pineda with ALL Canadian Director of Industrial Relations Daryl Barnett



Bob Borch Human Rights Award winner Kim Martin (UNIFOR)



Olivia Chow Child Care Champion Award winner Jamie Kass (CUPW) with Irwin Nanda (OFL) and Heather Kelley (IAMAW)

# 2015 Biennial CLIFF PILKEY AWARDS DINNER



Heather Kelley (IAMAW) accepts OFL Cultural Award for CLIFF (Canadian Labour International Film Festival)



OFL Young Workers Award winner Evan Johnston (CUPE) with Janice Folk-Dawson (CUPE OUWCC)



Andy King (USW) accepts Linda Jolley Lifetime Achievement Award for Health and Safety from Ken Neumann (USW Canada) and Marty Warren (USW District 6)



Cliff Pilkey Labour Activist Award winner Gerard O'Neill (ETFO) with Cliff's children, Allan and Jackie