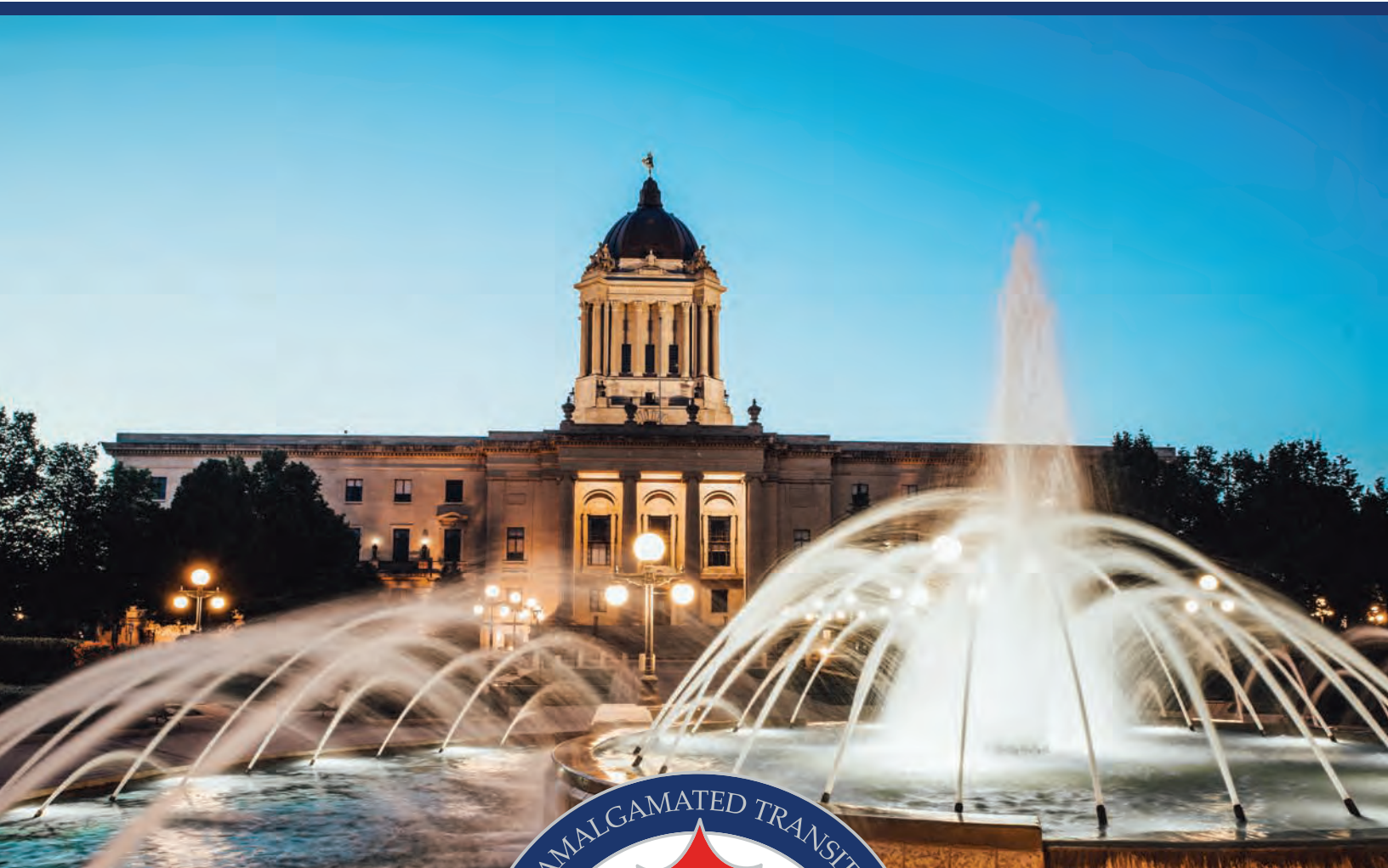


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## Welcome message from ATU Canada President, John Di Nino



Greetings,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2019 ATU Canada conference in the great city of Winnipeg, Manitoba. This conference celebrates two very important milestones. First, it is the 100th anniversary of the Winnipeg General Strike. Shortly after the end of World War I, thousands of workers engaged in the highest form of solidarity this country has ever seen by walking off the job together with their co-workers on a mass scale. This strike led to many changes in Canada that are still with us—namely, it was the birth of our social security and income security systems as well as the birth of the New Democratic Party (originally called the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation). It is also an important milestone for me personally as it is my first national conference as the ATU Canada President.

Since assuming the role as President, we have been moving at a very rapid pace. To assist ATU Canada in our efforts, we have hired two organizers, Madelin Burt-D'Agnillo and Justin Panos, to win organizational buy-in from our locals and all stakeholders in order to mount our national strategy for dedicated operational funding and federal regulation to protect all of our transit professionals.

We have dedicated staff and resources to our Gender and Equity Strategy in order to address issues of inequality and inequity on the job and throughout our union. This initiative raises difficult questions but we must face these issues seriously and thoughtfully in order to build an inclusive ATU Canada.

It is no secret, sisters and brothers, that shop stewards are the backbone of the labour movement. They are the first point of contact on the job for rank and file members. To develop our elected stewards, we have delivered stewards level I and II training to 22 locals from Vancouver to Halifax. As part of our ongoing efforts to meet and engage members, we have attended numerous general meetings.

Going forward, in an effort to connect with our members, passengers, and to build brand recognition, we will be launching a digital campaign. In an effort to build power at ATU Canada, we will organize the unorganized in order to grow union density and stop privatization from undercutting our contracts because that is the reality.

We will continue to meet with our leaders and workers in the labour movement in order to grow our allies. Solidarity is the foundation of the labour movement.

As we prepare for the 2019 federal election, we will be organizing with our transit professionals and their communities in order to make sure that candidates who prioritize public transit make office. We will be pressing elected officials on the necessity of federal investment into transit and over-the-road operations. This will ensure safe and fair scheduling, reduce driver fatigue and address the climate crisis through the expansion of transit and inter-city buses.

I am committed to being the ATU Canada President for all of Canada as One Voice, One Canada, One ATU and we have no intention of slowing down. I cannot do this alone, sisters and brothers. We must unite nationally and stay united. We must have big ideas to address our shared challenges. I look forward to connecting with you and building the power we need to win!

In solidarity,

John Di Nino  
ATU Canada President



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## Message from ATU International



Lawrence J. Hanley  
International President  
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Dear ATU Canada Conference attendees,

What a delight it is for me to welcome you to the annual ATU Canada Conference.

It's such an exciting time and I cannot exaggerate the fabulous work and progress made this year by John Di Nino and the entire Board.

Hiring and deploying organizers, visits to many Locals, and a renewal of energy in the organization are setting a new course for a better future.

I congratulate John and the officers and staff for changing the tone and expanding the work of ATU Canada.

We look forward to working with you on these and future plans.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Larry Hanley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Larry Hanley  
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# Message from our Host City President

## Local 1505 - Winnipeg



Sisters and brothers,

On behalf of our members and our executive board, Local 1505 is honoured to host the ATU Canada conference here in the City of Winnipeg, Manitoba, located in the heart of Canada on Treaty One Territory.

We are pleased to welcome you all to our great city, and we hope you will take the time to experience all that Winnipeg has to offer. In addition, we hope you meet many fellow members from across Canada and work together to build a movement that demonstrates that we are all united – that we are all one ATU.

I want to thank the ATU Canada executive board members, organizers and staff for their efforts in making this great conference possible as it allows us the opportunity to come together as a truly united membership. I also want to thank our own Local 1505 members, staff, stewards and volunteers. Each and every day, I recognize how our movement is stronger because of the invaluable contributions to events like this conference as well as keeping our Local and city moving.

Should you require any assistance or simply want to know more about our city and province, I encourage you to reach out to myself or any of our members and staff. We would be more than happy to go the extra mile to make your stay enjoyable and memorable.

In solidarity,  
Aleem Chaudhary  
President, ATU 1505



# AGENDA

## Monday, May 13th

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Registration

## Tuesday, May 14th

7:30 am - 8:30 am

Registration

8:30 am - 9:00 am

Conference opens: President's welcome + Host Local 1505

9:00 am - 9:30 am

**Speakers: Brian Mayes and Indigenous Senior**

9:30 am - 10:30 am

Local Introductions

Appointment of Committees

Appointment of Sergeant-at-arms

Reading and adoption of minutes of the previous conference

Table proposed bylaws and resolutions

Financial report and audit

President's report - John Di Nino

International Vice-Presidents' Reports

10:30 am - 10:45 am

Coffee Break

10:45 am - 12:00 pm

**Speaker: Matthew Green**

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

**Speaker: Roy Rastrick - Canadian Benefits**

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

**Speaker: Madelin Burt-D'Agnillo - presentation**

3:30 pm - 3:45 pm

Coffee Break

3:45 pm - 4:30 pm

**Speaker: Ian Vincent - Insuranceland**

7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Hospitality Night - Host Local 1505 sponsored by United Firefighters of Winnipeg

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## Wednesday, May 15th

8:30 am - 8:45 am	Call to order - Vice President, Eric Tuck First order of business
8:45 am - 10:00 am	<b>Speaker: Ian Fellows - UPFH Law</b>
10:00 am - 10:30 am	<b>Speaker: Zach Fleisher - Director of Communications, Local 1505</b>
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Coffee Break
10:45 am - 12:00 pm	<b>Speakers: Justin Panos and Jonathan Rosenblum</b>
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	<b>Speaker: Justin Panos - Organizing</b>
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	100th Anniversary Strike - Outdoor Event
7:00 pm - 11:00 pm	Hospitality Night - Host Local 1505 sponsored by Manitoba Building Trades

## Thursday, May 16th

8:30 am - 9:00 am	Call to order, update from President John Di Nino
9:00 am - 10:30 am	ATU President, Larry Hanley
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Coffee Break
10:45 am - 12:00 pm	Conference business Motions, Resolutions, and Recommendations from Committee
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Resolutions - motions vote New and old conference business
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Banquet Dinner - sponsored by UPFH Law, Canadian Benefits Consulting Group, and Watson Labour Law



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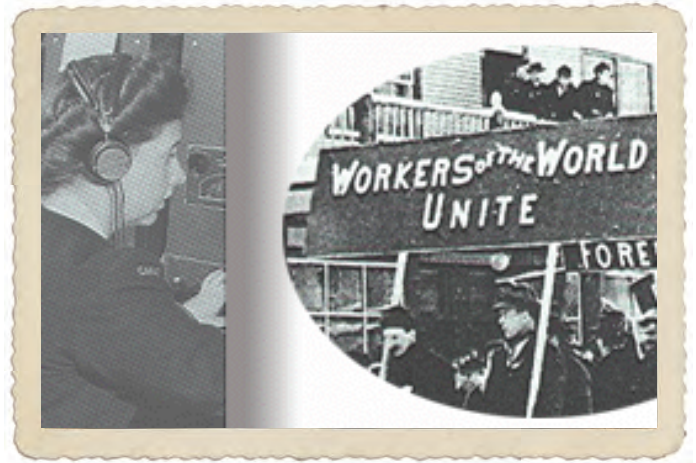


# Winnipeg General Strike

May 15-June 25, 1919

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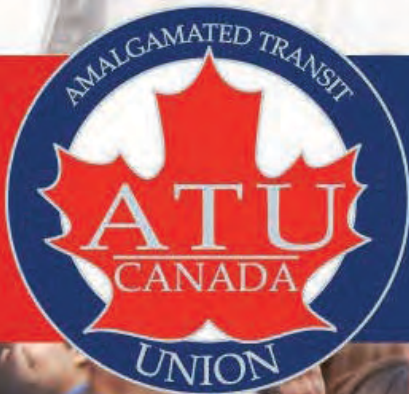
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