

TORONTO CIVIC ACTION NETWORK--TORONTO CAN

Stand up for Toronto/Save Our City

Stand up for Toronto and Save our City co-organized a community/labour response to the 2001 City budget process. As a result of discussions between the different partners in the two coalitions, they have decided to merge into the Toronto Civic Action Network--TORONTO CAN.

The principles for TORONTO CAN are as follows:

- 1) Advocate for policies, programs, public services and a strong public and social infrastructure that will enhance the quality of life of every resident and ensure democratic involvement in the life of the City.
- 2) Oppose the Tory agenda of privatization, including public-private partnerships, downloading and the reduction in the quantity and quality of accessibility to services.
- 3) Work to establish a new relationship (both financial and governance) between the City, Province and Federal government that will allow Toronto and all municipalities to maintain their social infrastructure and be protected from the burden of downloading.
- 4) Educate and activate our own members and communities at large around the impact of City Council's decisions to privatize both hard and soft services and how that affects our lives, jobs and the communities we live in.
- 5) Continue to build our coalition with new allies, labour unions, community groups, and other cities to create a broad and diverse cross-sectoral involvement in our campaigns, and maintain a strong community-labour presence at City Hall.
- 6) Prepare for the 2003 City elections by building a base of active community groups and union members that can become involved in TORONTO CAN'S efforts at City Hall in the next election.

Watch for the launch of TORONTO CAN on January 7th., 2002

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Campaign for Public Education

The Campaign for Public Education is a coalition of parents, teachers, students, support workers, and education activists who have come together to defend the standards of public education in Toronto. We are working together to find the solutions needed for the kind of education system that we can all be proud of; where those who learn interact in the most positive ways with those who provide the learning environment.

The key to that goal is getting a fair deal for our schools from Queen's Park. That means a fair share of the education dollars so that staff are not cut or programs cancelled. It means having the ability to provide a learning experience that meets the full needs of every student. It would allow our schools to continue playing a vital role as an asset of our communities, open to use for learning, recreation and culture.

Current members include: Toronto Parent Network, Parent Community Network, Toronto Federation of Chinese Parents, Student Supercouncil, CUPE, Elementary Teachers (ETT), OSSTF, OECTA, BoardWatch, Toronto Adult Student Association, Toronto & York Region Labour Council.

Toronto Water Watch

Toronto Water Watch is a coalition of environmental, health, labour and community groups, part of a network of Water Watch groups across the country in communities from St. John's to Vancouver.

Toronto Water Watch was formed over concerns about the proposed creation of an independent water utility and pressures to privatize Toronto public services. Toronto Water Watch wants to inform the public about important decisions affecting vital public services.

We must maintain local and complete public control over our city's water. The decision of City Council to spend \$250,000 to look at new financial management models and the creation of "independent bodies" controlling our water are public health and safety decisions that will make waves far into the future.

Toronto Water Watch is a coalition of The Council of Canadians, Canadian Environmental Law Association, CUPE Local 79, CUPE Local 416, Metro Network for Social Justice, Toronto-Central Ontario Construction Trades Council, Toronto Environmental Alliance and Toronto and York Region Labour Council.