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OPSEU members shake Toronto !

“It’s not cricket” rally a success

More than 200 striking OPSEU developmental service workers shook downtown Toronto today in a demonstration of their resolve.

Coming from London, St. Thomas, Chatham, Strathroy, Meaford and Tillsonburg, members rallied in front of an international labour conference, forcing Labour Minister Steve Peters, attending the meeting inside, to come out and speak to them.

The 200-plus members were there to bring attention to the need for a living wage for staff in developmental services and quality service for the people they support.

The government’s much-reported largesse with cricket clubs and other cultural organizations, some with Liberal ties, contrasts spectacularly with its tight-fisted attitude to workers who provide services to some of our most vulnerable Ontarians, so OPSEU members carried picket signs that read, “Dalton, it’s not cricket!”

More than 1,100 OPSEU developmental service workers are now on strike, some for almost six weeks, because the government won’t flow funding promised in the Budget.

“The members are very strong,” said Region 1 Executive Board member Ron Elliot, who reported four buses and more than 180 members from that region. “They rock!”

Peters told the members he had been in touch with provincial mediator Reg Pearson.



Sue Pazitny of Local 144 demonstrates on Front Street in Toronto. Photo Brian Willer.

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