

Mohar Budhram

A labour stalwart:

Mohar Budhram was born and raised in Guyana (formerly British Guiana). He is one of nine children. Mohar got most of his values and inspiration from his grandfather who immigrated to British Guiana from the District of Basti in the Province of Uttar Pradesh, India as an indentured labourer to work in the sugar plantations.

Mohar received lessons in the labour movement from his father. Mr. Lalbachan Budhram was a union steward for more than 30 years with the National Union of Public Service Employees (NUPSE) in Guyana.

Mohar joined the Guyana Public Service where he worked from 1967 - 1976 before immigrating to Canada. He then joined the Ontario Public Service in 1976 and became a member of OPSEU. He served as Local 213 President for eight terms. He has more than twenty years experience in provincial, regional

and local human rights, including past chair of the Provincial Human Rights Committee and OPSEU Region 2 Human Rights Committee.

In 1992, Mohar was appointed to represent OPSEU on Premier Bob Rae's Employment Equity Advisory Review Committee.



Mohar Budhram turns the heat up by demonstrating inside the Constituency Office of Oakville MPP Kevin Flynn during their strike at Syl Apps Youth Centre

In 2004, Mohar led Local 213, Syl Apps Youth Centre through a grueling seven-month strike. His resolve and leadership helped OPSEU members meet this difficult test.

Brother Budhram's long and illustrious career and way of life have been marked by his humility, simplicity, honesty and unswerving dedication to duty. His willingness to listen and his caring attitude exemplified the spirit of altruism. These qualities have reinforced resoluteness in the pursuit of his convictions for a better and more diverse union in spite of daunting odds.