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Information for OPSEU members in the Ontario Public Service • March 30, 2006

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## MTO staff: DO NOT SIGN those security check forms just yet

Many OPSEU members in the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario have been asked to sign consent forms related to a government plan to subject some OPS staff to security checks.

MTO members should NOT sign anything at this time.

As part of a grievance settlement last December, OPSEU has a wide-ranging agreement with the government on how these security checks are supposed to work. MTO is not following the agreement.

First, some people who have received the consent forms are not required to complete them. For example, Transportation Enforcement Officers do not have to complete them.

Second, the questions on the form are not what was agreed to in December. Completing the form could lead to individuals being denied security clearance – and possibly losing their jobs – for the

wrong reasons.

OPSEU is in communication with the Ministry of Government Services on the security issue. The union will let members know, **as soon as possible**, the date by which the consent forms must be signed. The consent forms will not be required prior to April 10. Please stand by.

For full details on the security screening, see the Dec. 9 edition of *FRONTlines*. Read it on the OPSEU web site at <http://www.opseu.org/ops/frontlines/frontlines2dec092005.htm>.

If you are an OPS employee (in MTO or not) who will be undergoing the security screening, and would like to have a confidential discussion about a personal situation that you feel uncomfortable talking to your steward about, please call OPSEU Job Security Officer Marg Simmons at 1-800-268-7376 ext. 8377 or (416) 443-8888 ext. 8377.

## Rights advocates fight to save Commission

OPSEU members at the Ontario Human Rights Commission have a lot of friends.

When the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) announced a plan to gut the commission and make human rights complainants hire their own lawyers, those friends sprang into action.

Members of the OPSEU Provincial Human Rights Committee and the Disability Caucus have been activating their contacts to let the human rights community know exactly what Attorney-General Michael Bryant is up to. More groups are

coming on side each day in opposition to the plan.

OPSEU has also purchased billboard advertising in Toronto subway stations to call on Premier Dalton McGuinty to back off on the plan.

Because of the nature of their work, the 150 OPSEU members at the Human Rights Commission are barred from publicly discussing the planned changes. With enough friends, they won't have to.

Find out more at [www.protectyourrights.ca](http://www.protectyourrights.ca) or contact Sarah Jordison, OPSEU Campaigns, at (416) 448-7440 or 1-800-268-7376 ext. 7440.