

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The walkout is all about fairness

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Re: Civic workers' strike

There is very little being said about who comprises CUPE 79.

There has been almost no mention about the employees of public health.

Our nurses support programs that help pregnant women from vulnerable populations achieve the same health level as the average Canadian, despite their risk factors.

Our staff lead efforts to prevent cancer, heart disease and diabetes in the city's population. Our inspectors promote food skills to minimize food-borne illness in our population.

Along with the other inside workers, we only want a fair and equitable contract that recognizes that our work is as valuable to the city as that of our co-workers at the Parking Authority, Police Services and the Housing Corporation.

This strike is not about garbage and it's time that the media start considering the whole picture.

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2002: CUPE goes on strike, blaming your elected municipal government for the mess during the Pope's visit to Toronto.

2009: CUPE goes on strike, once again, blaming your elected municipal government, as well as your elected provincial governments for the mess.

2016: CUPE goes on strike, once again, blaming your elected municipal, your elected provincial and your elected federal governments for the mess.

2021: CUPE sues Canadians for pension benefits and sick days owed for the past three decades.

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