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Memo Re: Convention transportation

We would like to ensure that delegates attending our convention are aware of the ongoing lock out at the Ottawa airport. Following is a statement from the union representing these locked out workers. For those who are able there is also bus service available.

Bus fare on O.C. Transpo bus #97 (Bayshore/Bells Corners) to the Bay St. stop is \$2.70 for over 65 and \$3.55 for adult.

Unifor Statement

On August 11, the employer (Coventry Connections) locked out 250 members of Local 1688 who have been serving the Airport for 4 decades. As you know, these workers do not receive a wage from their employer but rather they pay they employer for the privilege of working. They then earn their income from the customers they drive. In addition to payments made to the employer, these drivers have significant other fees to pay, such as licensing, commercial insurance, purchase and maintenance of a vehicle and fuel cost. The employer in conjunction with the Airport Authority (another group of unelected unaccountable quasi-public body) decided to increase the fees to these drivers by almost 400% monthly. They have been locked out for refusing to pay such exorbitant fees. A small but significant number of our members (non Airport) Blue Line and Capital taxi are scabbing by providing service to the airport.

We are asking people not to use the scabs from the Airport although it is not a problem getting taxis to the Airport.

We are asking people to rent cars, use shuttles or have friends pick them up from the airport.

Herb John
President N.P.F.