

Keep Transit Public – A Message from President of ATU Canada Paul Thorp

Good evening all,

As many of you know, ATU Canada together with ATU International and locals across the GTHA have launched a campaign to Keep Transit Public. The focus of this campaign has been on ending the use of public-private partnerships for new transit projects at the provincial level through the agency Metrolinx.

Through this campaign we have opened the door for conversations with our members, our passengers, the public, and elected officials on the dangers of transit privatization from P3s to contracting out. It is our goal to turn these conversations into full-scale mobilization against privatization and to influence the decision-makers in this province.

With that being said, we know that with this being an election year for politicians at the provincial and municipal levels, that there is a huge opportunity for us to make transit and privatization and election issue. That is why I am reaching out to you.

Although, only a handful of our locals are experiencing P3s through Metrolinx at this time, we know that privatization is one of the biggest threats facing this union presently and for the foreseeable future. That is why we must all come together and put an end to this practice by pressuring politicians around the upcoming provincial election.

Please help in this cause by signing and sharing our petition at keeptransitpublic.ca and by liking our Facebook page [facebook.com/keeptransitpublic](https://www.facebook.com/keeptransitpublic). Each time the petition is signed online and email is sent to all provincial MPPs, the Minister of Transportation, Metrolinx, and the Premier's Office.

Here is a campaign intro video for members that can be shared via email and on social media: <https://youtu.be/XZ2QAPS-UuM>

Attached is a quick membership flier that can be distributed if needed.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I will reach out soon on how to get involved with the provincial election.

I remain yours in solidarity,

Paul Thorp
President
ATU Canada