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**TO: ETT MEMBERS**  
**FROM: MARTIN LONG, PRESIDENT**  
**RE: BE KIND TO A TTC WORKER**  
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What amounts to a cyber-bullying campaign against TTC workers continues unabated, and is being fuelled by the media.

An occasional mistake or error of judgment is blown out of proportion, while instances of abuse of TTC workers on the job are not reported. In fact, the reporting of the “errors” may well be leading to an increase of the abuse.

Teachers, too, have been victims of ambush by cell phone camera, and bullying on social networking sites.

Right-wing forces whose goal is to privatize our public services will exploit this situation to advance their cause, and they won’t stop at transit – public education is in their sights as well.

As a regular rider on the TTC, I have been as frustrated as anyone else with poor service on occasion. These problems are the result of lack of adequate resourcing of the system by senior levels of government, and not due to the actions of an overwhelmingly dedicated work force.

If you ride the rocket in the days ahead, please share a kind word or gesture in solidarity with the TTC staff.