

## **“VoteYes for MMP” Resolution**

**WHEREAS:** The current “first-past-the-post” provincial and federal voting system distorts election results, ignores millions of votes, creates unrepresentative parliaments and gives majority power to parties which lack majority support, and

**WHEREAS:** The Citizens’ Assembly on Electoral Reform, an independent body empowered to study and consult widely with Ontarians, has recommended that Ontario should change its voting system to a mixed member proportional (MMP) voting system similar to those used in New Zealand, Germany, Scotland and Wales, and

**WHEREAS:** This system combines strong local representation while ensuring that parties win seats in proportion to their overall voter support. Ontario would have 90 ridings plus the legislature would have another 39 at-large seats which would be filled from a list depending on the portion of votes their party received. The Assembly picked this system because it gives voters more choice, fair results and true majority rule, and has tended to produce legislatures with more women and visible minorities.

**WHEREAS:** The government of Ontario is conducting a referendum on changing the electoral system to MMP to coincide with the October provincial election.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** Toronto & York Region Labour Council endorse the proposal for a Mixed Member Proportional voting system in Ontario, officially join the “VoteYes for MMP” campaign, and circulate the Vote Yes material among affiliates, community allies and activists in greater Toronto.