

10. To safeguard the democratic character of the labour movement and to observe and respect the autonomy of each affiliated local.
11. While preserving the independence of the labour movement from political control, to encourage workers to vote, to exercise their full rights and responsibilities of citizenship, to encourage workers to affiliate with and support the New Democratic party, and to perform their rightful part in the political life of the municipal, provincial and federal governments.

### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1 The London and District Labour Council shall be comprised of: Local Unions, branches and lodges of national and international unions, regional and provincial organizations affiliated to the Canadian Labour Congress.
- Section 2 Any organization affiliated with this Labour Council may be expelled from membership in the Council by a majority roll call vote at a meeting. Such action may only be taken if notice of motion has been given at a previous regular meeting. Any decision to expel may be appealed to the Executive Committee of the Canadian Labour Congress within two (2) months. The decision shall be in force and effect during appeal.
- Section 3 Any organization controlled or dominated by any totalitarian agency or whose policies and activities are consistently directed toward the achievement of the program or purposes of any totalitarian movement shall not be permitted as affiliates of this Labour Council.
- Section 4 It shall be the duty of each affiliated organization to furnish the Secretary of the Council with the following:
- (a) All official reports which deal with matters within the purview of this Council;
  - (b) All other reports as will facilitate, and make more effective the work of this Council; and
  - (c) A statement of their membership in good standing.

Affiliates are encouraged to file with the Secretary of the Council copies of their collective agreements.

### **ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS**

- Section 1: The regular meetings of this Labour Council shall be the governing body of the Council, except as provided in Article XVIII. Its decisions shall be by majority vote.
- Section 2: The regular meeting of the Council shall commence at 7:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month with the exception of July and August. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to act on current matters, committee reports, etc. and call special meetings if required during July and August.
- Section 3: a) Special meetings of the Council may be called by direction of the Executive Board or on request of seven (7) affiliated organizations of the Council as evidenced by the records of the Secretary or the Treasurer.

