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Queer Ontario (QO) wishes to extend a collective congratulations to [Maggie's Toronto Sex Workers Action Project](#) for successfully achieving unionization under the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) back in September 2021. CUPE is the largest union in Canada representing workers in healthcare, education, social services, and municipal services.

QO recognizes this successful effort as a hugely important advance in the decades-long struggle to have sex work recognized as legitimate work worthy of the social inclusion, protections, and collective solidarity that unionized labour represents. QO has long supported the decriminalization, self-organization, erotic autonomy, and human and labour rights for all sex workers including workers in sex worker advocacy organizations and those that provide erotic services.

Sex work is real work and QO stands with sex worker activists and the workers in organizations like Maggie's in their efforts to extend full legal, social, labour, and human rights to all sex workers and individuals who provide erotic services.

There's much more work to be done to advance social justice for sex workers and QO extends our recognition and support in coalition with sex worker struggles.

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