

Bob Linton Biography

Bob is the former Director of Legislative Affairs for UFCW Canada the 2nd largest private-sector union in Canada.

Before joining UFCW Canada Bob worked in the Ontario Legislature and the House of Commons as a legislative and special assistant to provincial and federal members of parliament and served as an executive assistant to the Ontario Minister of Health.

An adult educator and guest speaker, Bob has conducted lectures and given speeches across North America. Bob also authored the successful complaint to the International Labour Organization (ILO), against the Federal and Ontario governments for their refusal to allow agricultural workers in Ontario the right to join a union and bargain collectively. He has also testified as an expert witness before provincial and legislative committees on issues such as federal and provincial budgets, free trade agreements, and proposed changes to the labour relation act and pension reform.

A graduate of the National Union of Public and Government Employees Leadership Development Program under the direction of Dr. Elaine Bernard of Harvard University, he is also a graduate of Durham College with a diploma in Communication Arts and a degree in Political Studies from Trent University. He has also studied political economy through the University of Nottingham and global governance through the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva.

Active in his community Bob has served as Vice-Chair of the Oshawa Public Utilities Commission, is a member of the Oshawa Senior Citizens Centre, sits on the Dean's Advisory Council for the Social Sciences and Humanities Department at OnTech University and has previously sat on the Board of Directors of Parkview Place and volunteered at the John Howard Society Food Bank. He has also been a guest lecturer at the Oshawa Senior Citizens Centre and Ontario Tech University