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Prairie Regional Council finally meets in person, check out the video playlist, support anti-scab legislation, new commercials address LTC concerns, federal budget falls short, card check coming to B.C., Newfoundland budget better than expected, Family Education, Belleville transit and Metro workers ratify, return of the Northlander welcomed, Equal Pay Day, and read the latest labour market report.

### WHAT'S HOT



### TAKE ACTION



For those who could not attend Prairie Regional Council in Winnipeg, check out our playlist of videos featuring highlights from our powerful lineup of speakers.

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While a Liberal-NDP alliance has committed to introducing federal anti-scab legislation by the end of 2023, let's keep up the pressure to hold them accountable. Sign our petition for Anti-Scab Legislation Now:

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## IN THE NEWS



The Prairie Regional Council opened April 6 in Winnipeg. It was Unifor's first large scale in-person meeting since the pandemic started.

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Unifor launched two commercials this week that illustrate hospital workers' unsafe and unfair working conditions.

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Unifor is relieved the provincial government is restoring the Ontario Northlander passenger rail line, which has been out of service since 2012. This will provide Ontario Northerners some relief to their unique transit challenges.

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The goalposts and investments in the 2022 federal budget fall far short of what we need after two turbulent years of a pandemic. Here's is what the government missed in this year's budget.

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Workers in B.C. will have fewer barriers to unionization, thanks to new legislation introduced by the Horgan government.

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Atlantic Regional Director Linda MacNeil takes aim at Premier Furey's budget for Newfoundland and Labrador, claiming it essentially ignored workers' needs and doesn't do enough to build an economic recovery that benefits the many instead of a few.

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The Family Education Program is back! Unifor is running three sessions this summer, two English and one French. Get more info and learn how to apply today.

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Unifor members at Metro Distribution Centre warehouses achieve the best maximum pay rate and fastest progression in the industry in new collective agreement, bringing strike action to an end.

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Wage increases and benefits enhancements were part of a new collective agreement ratified by a vote of Unifor Local 1839 members working at Belleville Transit.

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**April 12**

April 12 marks the day in 2022 when the average woman in Canada catches up to what the average man made in the previous year. It's time to end the gender pay gap! Read the Unifor statement and the Equal Pay Coalition materials to debunk myths and take action.

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**APRIL 28**  
**Day of Mourning**



On April 28, the Day of Mourning, we remember the thousands of workers who have been killed or injured on the job, or contracted a workplace-related disease or illness. Here's how members can prepare for the day.

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## BARGAINING UPDATES

Service technicians, parts workers and detailers at Acadia Toyota are back to work after reaching a deal and ending their five-day strike. Their solidarity won them increased wages and additional personal days.

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 **IN CASE YOU MISSED IT**

 **RESOURCES**



As the fight for better pay and working conditions for long-term care workers continues across Canada, a Nova Scotia care worker talks about what a pay boost in her province meant to her and her co-workers.

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## LABOUR MARKET INSIGHTS

A monthly review of labour market indicators  
March 2022

Unifor's latest Labour Market Insights shows that the Canadian labour market added another 72,500 jobs in March, as the national unemployment fell to 5.3% – the lowest on record since the 1960s.

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