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IPS delegates gather for second-ever joint bargaining strategy conference. Unifor's anti-scab campaign achieves a victory as federal government announces consultative process on legislation. Lana Payne and Len Poirier tour the GM St. Catharines plant. Labour relations board rules co-op refinery acted in bad faith. Sunwing pilots fight temporary foreign workers hiring practices. Gavin McGarrigle joins NDP and AFL for a clean energy plan. Plus: CN bargaining begins and Autoport, Rothsay-Darling and Unimin ratify contracts.

WHAT'S HOT



Watch Lana Payne and Len Poirier thank Unifor Local 199 members after

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The practice of contract-flipping involves subcontracting out services and changing

a tour of the GM Canada St. Catharines Propulsion Plant. Our members build high quality engines and transmissions used all over the world.

service providers every few years, as a way to unjustly cut back on employees, reduce and stagnate wages and limit employees' rights in order for the contracting company to save costs and increase profit. Sign the petition to stop it.

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IN THE NEWS



Union leaders from across Canada's independent auto parts supplier sector adopt a new bargaining agenda that sets out common goals for future contract talks.

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Unifor welcomes the announcement of a consultative process on federal anti-scab legislation by Minister of Labour Seamus O'Regan.

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A labour relations board ruling says evidence showing Co-op Refinery acted in bad faith was “too voluminous to spell out in detail.”

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The Manitoba government's refusal to fund a living wage at the Association for Community Living (ACL) has resulted in Unifor Local 468 members rejecting the employer's latest contract offer.



Unifor says Sunwing Airlines has not done enough to fill open positions with permanent pilots covered by the union's collective agreement, instead opting to use temporary foreign workers. Read our letters to the company and the Canadian government asking them to stop this practice.

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Unifor opened bargaining for a new collective agreement with CN this week in Montreal.

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Unifor was joined by the NDP and the Alberta Federation of Labour in a media conference to demand a plan for a clean energy transition.

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The Ontario Ministry of Health proposal to amend the Ambulance Act to employ nurses, physicians and respiratory therapists, along with paramedics, for Ornge air flight ambulances will not improve patient outcomes in the province.

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The legal definition of "person" did not include any women until October 18, 1929. It took many more years to include women of Indigenous & Asian descent/heritage. As we mark #PersonsDay, we remember we cannot fully celebrate until all women are

included.

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BARGAINING UPDATES

On September 14, 2022, Unifor and CP opened contract negotiations. The bargaining committee made it clear to the employer that its heavy-handed disciplinary actions must immediately stop and that members are expecting improvements in wages and benefits.

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Workers at the Autoport vehicle processing and transshipment facility, located in Eastern Passage, Nova Scotia voted in favour to ratify a new two-year collective agreement.

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Congratulations to the bargaining team of Unifor Local 39-X on the ratification of a four-year agreement with Rothsay-Darling, after a round of tough negotiations.

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Job security and wage increases are key gains in a new collective agreement ratified by Unifor Local 306-O members at Covia Canada Limited.

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RESOURCES



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