

December 11, 2022



Members celebrate the defeat of Premier Doug Ford's wage-killing Bill 124 and repeal of the notwithstanding clause at Ontario Regional Council. Journalists share the vile harassment and death threats they get on the job with ORC delegates. Unifor joined PM Trudeau and Premier Ford to celebrate the opening of the newly EV retooled GM CAMI plant. Foodservice members ratify agreement with Compass Group Canada, ending strike. Pivot Airlines mechanic and Unifor Local 2002 member BK Dubey returns home after being detained for seven months in the DR with the crew. Unifor stands against Bill 1 in Alberta, calling it the "Emergencies Act on steroids." Unifor marks December 6 with video statement against gender-based violence. Plus: International Day of Persons with Disabilities statement focuses on tech and innovation.

 **WHAT'S HOT**

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November 25 starts a global campaign of 16 Days of Activism for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. This year's theme is Unite: Activism to End Violence Against Women. In the spirit of unity, Unifor is raising awareness among the membership about the Signal for Help, a way for women to silently show they need help and want someone to safely check in with them.

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## IN THE NEWS



Delegates gathered Dec. 2 to 3, 2022 in Toronto for the first in-person Unifor Ontario Regional Council (ORC) since the pandemic began. It was an opportunity to celebrate victories such as the recent Superior Court ruling that Premier Doug Ford's Bill 124 struck down as unconstitutional and how Unifor mobilized quickly and effectively with other unions to support CUPE education workers, including planning for a general strike when Ford used the notwithstanding clause.

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Journalists Saba Eitizaz, Angelyn Francis, Omayra Issa and Shree Paradkar shared harrowing accounts of online abuse and death threats during a panel about harassment of media workers at the Ontario Regional Council.

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Unifor National President Lana Payne joined autoworkers, local union leaders, General Motors representatives and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Premier Doug Ford to celebrate the opening of the newly retooled GM CAMI assembly plant in Ingersoll, Ont.

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Roughly 90 Durham College foodservice workers ratified a new deal with their employer, Compass Group Canada, ending a week-long strike.

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Members at Kuehne + Nagel began strike action on Dec. 5, after they rejected a substandard offer from the company. Despite soaring profits, the international logistics conglomerate refuses to offer workers a living wage.

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Unifor is relieved that its member, Bal Krishna Dubey, who has been detained in the Dominican Republic with four other Pivot Airlines crew members since April 5, 2022, is finally home in Canada in time for the holidays.



Sunwing pilots are celebrating news the company has decided to abandon its intention to use the Temporary Foreign Worker Program (TFWP) to boost staffing levels.

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Alberta Premier Danielle Smith's very first piece of legislation is a breathtaking power grab that will only cause chaos and distract her government from the real economic problems facing Alberta's families.

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The number of workers at the Alstom Thunder Bay plant has hit an all-time low, a situation deeply aggravated by the Ontario government's awarding of a \$9 billion contract to a consortium run by Hitachi Rail.

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Unifor stands united with the families in their call for the authorities to undertake every necessary action to recover the bodies of murdered Manitoba women—women who were sisters, daughters, mothers, and loved ones to so many.

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## BARGAINING UPDATES

Wage increases and improved sick day benefits are key features of a new three-year collective agreement signed between Unifor Local 3000 and the Aava Hotel Whistler in British Columbia.

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The Canadian Air Traffic Control Association (CATCA), who are members of Unifor Local 5454, open bargaining with Nav Canada in Ottawa.

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New Unifor members at the Caroline, Alta., facility of Pieridae Energy will enjoy significant wage increases as part of a contract ratified this week by Local 4050.

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Local 100 and Council 4000 bargaining committees continued negotiating with the employer in Montreal.

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Unifor members at Local 1917 have unanimously ratified a new three-year contract at Wellington Motors in Guelph, Ont.

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The 40 members from Unifor Local 591-G have ratified a new agreement with Thistle Printing Ltd. in Toronto that sees a 3% increase in each year of the three-year contract.

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 **RESOURCES**



December 6 marked the National Day of Remembrance and Action to End Violence Against Women. Watch National President Lana Payne and Quebec Director Daniel Cloutier's video message now.

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This year, the theme of International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2022 is “Transformative Solutions of Inclusive Development.” Unifor seeks to build upon innovation and technology to maintain meaningful employment for persons with disabilities.

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