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Unifor will aggressively fight privatization at VIA Rail, we mark two years of COVID-19 and outline human rights violations during the pandemic, nurses demand better, women gather for International Women's Day, parts workers plan for a stronger future, Oakville transit strike ends with ratification, members at First Student, Diamond Cheese, Eden Valley Poultry and Coast Mountain Bus ratify collective agreements, plus 10 ways young workers can build their skills.

 **WHAT'S HOT**



Watch striking Unifor members Neil and Roland talk about the connection transit workers in the Sea to Sky region have with their ridership.

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Support VIA Workers and demand that Canada invest in revitalizing its national passenger rail service.

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 **IN THE NEWS**



Unifor plans to aggressively fight back against the federal government's plan to privatize the VIA Rail corridor.

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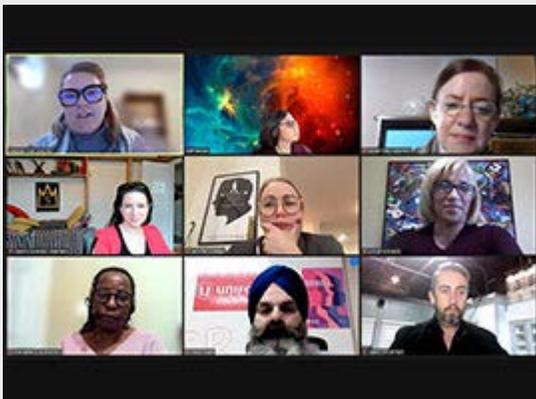
"Solidarity is the story of the pandemic." Read our wrap up of day one of Ontario Regional Council.

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March 11 marks the beginning of the third year since the World Health Organization formally declared COVID-19 a pandemic, read Unifor's statement.

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Nearly 200 women from across Canada joined the International Women's Day Online Event to build union sisterhood, celebrate strides toward equality and prepare for the challenges ahead.

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Unifor's IPS Council gathered to address the challenges and opportunities of building a strong and resilient auto parts industry.

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Unifor members shared disturbing stories with the British Columbia Office of the Human Rights Commissioner during an online inquiry meeting on March 7, 2022, into incidents of hate during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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Health care workers demand Premier Ford fix Ontario's worsening health human resource crisis and move past the band-aid pay-as-you-vote gimmicks.

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Wage increases and job security are the highlights of the new collective agreement ratified by Unifor Local 1256 members, ending their two-week strike at Oakville Transit.

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## BARGAINING UPDATES

Unifor school bus drivers in Whitby vote overwhelmingly in favour of new collective agreement that improves wages, paid sick days and personal leave in new collective agreement with First Student.

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Local 2216 members at Eden Valley Poultry in Nova Scotia ratified a new 4-year deal that sees wage increases and strong improvements to paid days

Unifor Local 555/BDCEIU members at the Black Diamond Cheese facility in Belleville, Ontario ratify a new agreement, making solid gains to wages, pension, benefits and job security.

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Wage increases are a key component of the new contract ratified late on March 7, 2022 by transit operators and maintenance staff working at Coast Mountain Bus Company/Translink.

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Last week, the UACL team engaged in contract negotiations with Bell, covering a lot of ground.

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## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



Read the Unifor Statement on International Women's Day highlighting the advances working women have made in the last year and the challenges we will face together.

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## RESOURCES



Here are 10 ways young workers can build their skills and contribute to the labour movement for economic, racial and social justice wherever they are.

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