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Unifor Skilled Trades members come together to debate and discuss key issues at tri-annual conference. National President Lana Payne emphasized a clear industrial policy needs to be in place to ensure good jobs on an EV panel this week. Unifor and other unions rally in Ottawa as inter-governmental health care funding negotiations take place. Unifor donates to Türkiye and Syria earthquake relief efforts. Ornge workers win wage victory against Bill 124. Unifor members and staff spend a night in vehicles to raise awareness and funds towards homeless programs. Bargaining updates from Lactalis, ATSAC, Compass Minerals and Windsor Machine. Plus: Register now for Pride Weekend.

WHAT'S HOT



TAKE ACTION



Unifor National President Lana Payne spoke on a panel this week about “Retooling the Manufacturing Landscape,” outlining challenges facing the EV sector and strategies of what’s need to survive and thrive. See the photos.

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Save the date: Unifor’s 2023 Pride Conference will take place on April 28-30 of this year! Stay tuned for registration information and sign up for the Pride Activist Course.

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IN THE NEWS



Members representing a variety of trades and industry sectors develop strategies to strengthen and grow the trades at the Unifor Skilled Trades Collective Bargaining & New Technology Conference.

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Check out the Skilled Trades Conference photo gallery on Facebook.

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Workers rallied on Parliament Hill while premiers and Prime Minister Trudeau negotiated a new health care funding deal for provinces and territories.

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Unifor's Social Justice Fund is making a \$75,000 donation to the Humanitarian Coalition for the Türkiye and Syria Earthquake Relief Fund.

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Unifor supports striking Memorial University of Newfoundland Faculty Association members. Read the letter asking Premier Andrew Furey and the university's President to address worker concerns.

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Unifor Western Regional Director Gavin McGarrigle says the Saskatchewan Party government is crippling the Crown corporation. Read his op-ed in The Saskatoon StarPhoenix.

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Ornge paramedics win retroactive wage increases outlined in a wage re-opener clause that hinged on Ontario's unconstitutional Bill 124.

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Unifor's Recreation Department announced the winners of its second-annual NFL Fantasy Pool winners, ahead of Super Bowl LVII this weekend.

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Unifor is committed to building solidarity with anti-poverty organizations across the country. Locals and members participated in Raising the Roof's "One Night" event, to raise over \$70,000 for homelessness prevention programs.

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Members of Unifor Local 698 working for Gate Gourmet in Dorval, Que. learned earlier this week that the employer would be shutting its operations at the Montreal-Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport and cutting 50 positions.

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BARGAINING UPDATES

Unifor members working at Lactalis Dairy in St. Claude, Man. have ratified a new collective agreement with wage increases and improved benefits.

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Members at Windsor Machine voted overwhelming to ratify a new three-year collective agreement that delivered wage gains, a signing bonus and a host of contract language improvements.

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The Air Traffic Specialists Association of Canada (ATSAC), who are members of Unifor Local 2245, opened bargaining with Nav Canada this week in Toronto.

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Members of Unifor Local 677 in Goderich, Ont. voted to ratify a new collective agreement, securing wage increases and the introduction of paid sick days.

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



Under the banner of “Women-Life-Liberty,” members of Unifor Quebec and Quebec Director Daniel Cloutier braved the cold to support the Iranian people at a demonstration in downtown Montreal.

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