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Leadership and members supported MMIWG2S+ in a Feb. 14 memorial march in Vancouver. Donate to humanitarian relief efforts for the Türkiye and Syria earthquakes. Watch the new Skilled Trades video. Unifor journalist members honoured for their work against harassment in the media sector. Unifor Media Council launches its anti-harassment policy paper for media workers. Editorial interference allegations at QP Briefing undermine democracy and a free press, says National President. Unifor gives its Ontario budget submission. Plus: Bargaining updates from Bell and Mosaic Potash Esterhazy Ltd. and peopleCare workers join Unifor.

WHAT'S HOT



TAKE ACTION



The Unifor Skilled Trades Council and national Skilled Trades department are dedicated to raising standards and strengthening the Skilled Trades across Canada. Watch this new video on the challenges and opportunities for Skilled Trades members.

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You can help the recovery efforts from the earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria.

Use this link to donate to the Humanitarian Coalition efforts in the region.

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IN THE NEWS



Unifor members participated in the annual Women's Memorial March to honour the lives of women and MMIWG2S+ relatives in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside.

[See photos of the march on Facebook.](#)

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Three women journalists, two of whom are Unifor members, were recognized Wednesday night at the Canadian Journalists for Free Expression gala in Toronto for their brave efforts to fight back against misogyny and their online abusers.

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The same night as the CJFE gala, Unifor Media Council unveiled its discussion paper on Breaking the News: Media Workers Under Attack.

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Unifor is extremely concerned about the reported editorial interference at Queen's Park Briefing. These are serious allegations that undermine the integrity necessary for independent, fact-based journalism.



From workers' rights and public services to manufacturing and infrastructure, read Unifor's 2023 Ontario provincial budget submission.

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The David Eby government's announcement to double the funding for the B.C. Manufacturing Jobs Fund, increased fibre access, First Nations partnership, and a commitment to protecting old growth forests are steps in the right direction for B.C. forestry.

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Regulators at the City of Ottawa acted irresponsibly when they rushed through ride-sharing approvals without a plan to mitigate the impacts on the city's taxi fleet, says Unifor.

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The Canadian labour market added another 150,000 jobs in January (+0.8%), far exceeding analysts' expectations. For the first time ever, there are now more than 20 million workers in Canada. Read more in January's Labour Market Insights.

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A private member's bill with all-party support in the House of Commons currently before a Senate Committee could fundamentally improve pension security for retirees across the country.

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BARGAINING UPDATES

Members of Unifor Local 1996-O, located in Ontario, voted 100% in favour of a new collective agreement that secures better benefits and significant wage increases.

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Wage increases form the cornerstone of a new collective agreement ratified Feb. 13, 2023, between Unifor Local 892 and Mosaic Potash Esterhazy Limited in Esterhazy, Sask.

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Health care workers at peopleCare long term care home in Tavistock, Ont. have voted to join Unifor.

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