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Unifor mobilization helps save Terra Nova jobs, Reliance workers demand employer return to table, Ontario muzzles critics ahead of election, Unifor wins communications awards, jobs help for parts workers, Unifor launches plan for EI reforms, Indigenous Rights and Title discussed on webinar, plus planning to open air travel again, and good news for the trades.

WHAT'S HOT



Watch locked out members of Unifor Local 1999 rally for fairness at Reliance Home Comfort's headquarters in Burlington.

TAKE ACTION



Employment Insurance only works when unemployed people can access it. Join the campaign to Build Better EI.

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 **IN THE NEWS**



Unifor mobilizing has helped save thousands of jobs in the East Coast energy sector as Suncor and Furey government reach an new funding agreement to maintain the Terra Nova platform.

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Doug Ford rams through unconstitutional bill to silence critics using a power never resorted to in the history of Ontario.

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Unifor's Communications Department won seven awards from the Canadian Association of Labour Media, including best member mobilization for the #CovidHeroes video series featuring front line workers sharing their experiences during the first wave of the pandemic.

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As vehicle assembly is set to return to General Motors in Oshawa, Unifor's Action Centre to support unemployed auto parts sector workers across the Durham region teamed up with area employers to hold a virtual job fair on June 10.

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Mi'kmaq lawyer, Professor at Ryerson University and Activist Pam Palmater discussed Indigenous Rights and Title on a webinar for Unifor members.

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Unifor urges government to implement Health Canada's COVID-19 Expert Panel recommendations to safely restart international travel. As vaccination levels increase and provinces implement reopening plans, the time to plan for the safe restart of travel has come.

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Skilled trades workers received a boost from the Horgan government on June 11 with the re-introduction of compulsory certification.

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Unifor released a broad vision for a more inclusive, equitable, and resilient Employment Insurance (EI) program for workers in Canada.



Unifor members on a recent webinar heard harrowing stories about life in Gaza for Palestinians denied clean drinking water and facing delays in basic supplies, chronic shortages, unequal health care and a much-lower standard of living than Israelis.

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BARGAINING UPDATES

Producers and technicians at Toronto radio station CFRB-AM Newstalk 1010 have ratified their first collective agreement, achieving significant wage increases for the lowest-paid staff.

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Unifor members on strike at the zinc mine in Myra Falls, B.C. have ratified a new collective agreement.

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During the final North American Solidarity Project webinar last week, a panel of workers shared their experiences building union and worker power and the lessons they learned during COVID-19.

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Marc Hollin



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