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Unifor rallies in Winnipeg for VIA Rail, sign the VIA petition, Prairie Regional Council meets in person or the first time in three years, GM gets a production jolt, Lana Payne writes that EVs are once-in-a-generation opportunity, Organizers meet, rallies for Quebec cement workers and long-term care workers, Linda MacNeil welcomes Nova Scotia budget plus progress made for Atlantic Bell workers.

 **WHAT'S HOT**

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Watch highlights from Unifor's Western Regional Director, Gavin McGarrigle as he reported to Prairie Regional Council in person, for the first time since 2019.

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At a time when the rest of the world is nationalizing passenger rail, Canada has decided to privatize VIA Rail, sign they petition and help Canada get back on track.

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IN THE NEWS



Hundreds of Unifor activists rallied outside Winnipeg's Union Station demanding the federal government reverse its plan to allow VIA to privatize the high-frequency rail corridor between Windsor and Quebec City.

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Unifor welcomes federal and provincial support of \$259 million each for General Motors plants in Oshawa and Ingersoll, which will add a total of 2,600 jobs with a third shift at the Oshawa Assembly Complex and production of a new line of electric commercial delivery vans to the CAMI plant.

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Unifor's Prairie Regional Council kicked off its first in-person meeting since 2019 this week.

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Lana Payne, Unifor's National Secretary Treasurer says investments in this once-in-a-generation industrial transition to electric vehicles ensures a bright future for auto workers in this OpEd published in Monday's Windsor Star.

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Unifor activists from across the prairies gathered in Winnipeg to discuss local union organizing strategies.

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More than 300 Unifor and QFL members come out in solidarity with locked-out Unifor Local 177 members.

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More than 100 health care workers rallied outside of Meadow Park long-term care home in London, Ont., demanding the employer return to the bargaining table, which has been stalled since in December. The long-term care home is just one of 11 others who are looking for not only a fair deal, but respect for being COVID heroes during the pandemic.

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With Nova Scotia's recent budget, it was good to see the government follow through on important promises — including desperately needed investments in the health-care sector, Unifor Atlantic Director Linda MacNeil says in an opinion piece.

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More than 900 Unifor Local 414 members began strike action at Metro Distribution Centre locations in Toronto's west end after voting down a tentative agreement with the company.

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The bargaining committee for Unifor Local 1839 signed a tentative agreement with Belleville Transit before the midnight deadline avoiding strike action.

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Workers at Chatham Kent Health Alliance in southwestern Ontario have voted overwhelmingly to join Unifor.

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Unifor Atlantic communications locals made progress at the bargaining table with Bell Canada.

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



With the UCP vote on Alberta Premier Jason Kenney's leadership looming, read Unifor's position on the state of politics in the province and the failure of Kenney's party to address the needs of working people in Alberta.



RESOURCES



As more workers continue to join Unifor, thanks to the Organizing Department, which met this week to talk about ways to organize even more workers, have a look at Unifor's New Member Kit.



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