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Unifor elects Lana Payne new national president along with a new Secretary Treasurer Len Poirier and new Atlantic Regional Director Jennifer Murray as 4th Constitutional Convention brings delegates “together”, Renaud Gagné retires, warehouse workers organize, Afghan media workers and the Nelson Mandela Award winner. Plus: Stand up for telcom jobs, Aviation Council and Labour Market Insights.

 **WHAT'S HOT**

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An emotional tribute was paid to Renaud Gagné, Unifor's Quebec Director from 2015 to 2022. On the eve of his retirement, the convention wanted to highlight his union involvement of over 41 years.

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IN THE NEWS



Lana Payne has been elected as the new National President of Unifor, the first woman to hold the position.

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Unifor's 4th Constitutional Convention opened on Monday, August 8 with Lana Payne, National Secretary-Treasurer, offering welcoming remarks followed by an update on the union's finances.

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Unifor's new Quebec Director delivered highly charged first report to delegates at the Unifor National Convention.

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Naureen Rizvi, Unifor's Ontario Regional Director, shared the story of Unifor's Ontario activism and advocacy in her report to the 2022 Constitutional Convention.

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Unifor Western Regional Director Gavin McGarrigle outlined the union's fightback in Western Canada as he delivered his report to the 4th constitutional convention on Tuesday, August 9, 2022.

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In her report to the members at Unifor's 4th Constitutional Convention, Atlantic Regional Director Linda MacNeil spoke about the life-saving work of members across the region and key victories including a much-needed and well-overdue pay raise for Nova Scotia's Continuing Care Assistants.

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We are in a historic moment as workers stand up and take back the power from powerful companies, forming unions at companies where it was once thought workers could never organize, a leader in the first successful union drive at Amazon told Convention delegates.

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Unifor locals are being asked to donate generously to help support the families of media workers fleeing the Taliban and left in limbo in their attempts to come to Canada.

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Mexican auto worker and labour activist Alejandra Morales Reynoso has been awarded Unifor's Nelson Mandela Award for 2022 in recognition of her work to bring a democratic union to the General Motors Silao Mexico plant where she works.

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After pressuring the employer with an eight-day strike, Unifor Local

1090 members ratified a new four-year agreement.

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



At Unifor's two-day Aviation Council – held ahead of the union's Convention at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre – the focus was how new technology affects aviation workers.

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A monthly review of labour market indicators
July 2022

Although the unemployment rate held steady at 4.9% for the month of July, another 31,000 jobs were lost and more jobseekers left the labour force. Since May, total employment has fallen by 74,000 while the labour force has shrunk by 124,000 people. Read this month's full report [here](#).

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