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Unifor members from across the country discuss the grassroots Bargaining Workers' Power plan at special one-day summit. Come celebrate Unifor's 10th anniversary and support 2SLGBTQIA+ communities at a street party during Canadian Council.

Get all your Canadian Council info. on the new dedicated website. Government funding decision on Toronto subway cars risks members' jobs at the Alstom Thunder Bay plant. Ford announces investment in a battery cathode plant in Bécancour, Que. Plus: Bargaining update from Hudson Bay Railway.

 **WHAT'S HOT**

 **TAKE ACTION**



Unifor toured across Canada for its Bargaining Workers' Power program, with 1,731 members having their say over the 45 regional sessions. Watch the video to see the union's bargaining strategy built from the ground up.



Since the union's founding, Unifor members have taken a strong stance in support of the rights of 2SLGBTQIA+ workers and their families. On Friday afternoon (Aug. 18), delegates at Canadian Council will celebrate this decade of solidarity at the Rogers Square. Wear your Unifor Pride t-shirts and come prepared to celebrate and have fun.



## IN THE NEWS



The Bargaining Workers' Power National Collective Bargaining Program Summit brought together nearly 1,000 members to join the discussion on the union's new bargaining strategy. The special one-day conference took place today, in Halifax, N.S.

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Unifor is encouraged by Ford Motor Company's commitment to invest in a battery cathode plant in Bécancour, Que., with the opportunity to bring 300 new jobs to the region.

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The federal and Ontario governments' failure to allocate funding for TTC subway cars is putting workers' jobs at the Thunder Bay Alstom plant at risk and leaving Toronto commuters behind.

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Read the letter from Unifor National President Lana Payne to the federal government, on how the decision to expand hiring of temporary foreign workers could have a negative impact on migrant workers and their rights, and emphasizes the need for the government to focus on ensuring fairness and security for all workers.

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Unifor National President Lana Payne tells Kitchener's Grand River Hospital CEO to come to the bargaining table "with a genuine commitment to recognizing the pivotal role played by Unifor members in the success and operations" of the health care facility.

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Last week, Unifor met with Ford, General Motors and Stellantis to present auto members' demands as the Detroit Three negotiations officially began.

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Listen to Unifor Researcher Kaylie Tiessen on CBC Radio's "Ontario Today," speak about A.I., automation, and how workers can use unions and collective bargaining to prepare for technological change.

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The annual Atlantic Black, Indigenous and Workers of Colour Committee's Family BBQ took place at Africville Park, a historic Black Nova Scotian community in Halifax. All were welcome and enjoyed food, fun, friendship, and the ocean breeze.

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Local 100 members working at the Hudson Bay Railway have voted to ratify the tentative agreement reached between the parties on June 28, 2023.

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## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



Unifor leadership toured the JTS, Jazz Technical Services, in Halifax, where Unifor members perform heavy aircraft maintenance.

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## RESOURCES



There were 45 regional Bargaining Workers' Power sessions from coast to coast from February to June with 1,731 participants attending the meetings to have their say. The input from all those meetings informed the strategy, which was presented to delegates today. Read the full report.

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