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Unifor supported Ontario Health Coalition's campaign to distribute over 400,000 citizens' referendum ballots, revealing an overwhelming 98.4% opposition to Doug Ford's healthcare privatization agenda. Alberta election shows workers are increasingly rejecting far-right policies. Westcast announces closure of historic foundry, impacting auto parts workers. Grocery workers prepare to take on the 'Big Three' grocery stores at the bargaining table. Unifor highlighted the future of transportation at this year's Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the importance of buying Canadian. Plus: Bargaining updates from Mercedes-Benz, University of Toronto, East Coast Credit Union and ABCO Inc.

 **WHAT'S HOT**

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Members from across Durham Region shared the issues they would like to see prioritized at the negotiating table at the Unifor Bargaining Worker Power session in Oshawa.

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As Pride month begins take action to protect queer and trans kids in New Brunswick. New Brunswick Premier Blaine Higgs is rolling back queer and trans rights in New Brunswick, and workers must stop him.

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IN THE NEWS



Health care workers, activists, and community organizers rallied at Queen's Park to deliver the Ontario Health Coalition Citizens Referendum results, which revealed an overwhelmingly strong opposition to the privatization of healthcare in Ontario.

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By announcing the closure of the historic foundry in Wingham, Ont., Wecast and its overseas owners are abandoning auto parts workers and the community in which it has operated for more than a century.

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Unifor put the future of transportation in the spotlight at this year's Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference. The union promoted a Buy Canadian strategy for transit vehicles manufactured by Unifor members and pushed to improve passenger rail service across the country.

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Canada's auto industry is an important contributor to the success of our national economy. The transition to zero emission vehicles presents an opportunity to not only sustain our existing industrial footprint but to grow good, union jobs in a net zero economy. Read Unifor's Auto Council statement on the NextStar Battery Facility.

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More than 11,000 Unifor grocery store members are preparing to take on Canada's Big Three grocery giants, Loblaw, Metro and Sobeys, in upcoming contract negotiations. The front-line supermarket workers are seeking pay increases, benefit improvements and more full-time jobs as bargaining begins next month.

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Losing 11 seats in the Alberta legislature shows a growing number of workers are rejecting the extreme policies of the United Conservative Party.

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Canadian Council will begin the celebrations of Unifor's 10-year anniversary. It will be a time to come together to reflect on our resilience and strength. During this first council since the Constitutional Convention, delegates will discuss important issues and resolutions and reflect on all that we have accomplished since our formation in 2013. Register now.

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Unifor Local 252 members at four Mercedes-Benz dealership locations in the GTA have ratified new collective agreements, bringing their strike action to an end.

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Unifor members of Local 2107 have ratified a new four-year agreement with East Coast Credit Union in Antigonish, N.S.

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The members of Local 2003 at University of Toronto have ratified a new contract, retroactive to May 1, 2022.

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The members of Unifor Local MWF 01 Unit 0002 have ratified a new agreement with ABCO Inc. in Lunenburg, N.S.

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Unifor Media Director Randy Kitt appeared before the Standing Senate Committee on Transport and Communications to speak about Bill C-18 this week.

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GTA members and their families are invited to Unifor's Member Appreciation Day at Canada's Wonderland on July 9, 2023. Members are encouraged to wear Unifor swag or red for a chance to win prizes.

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