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Unifor was joined by the U.S. Amazon Labor Union to launch an organizing drive of workers in Vancouver. Unifor members walk in solidarity at the Tears to Hope charity relay. Ontario's wage restricting Bill 124 is back in court. Unifor uncovers privatization plans at SaskTel. Transport Canada's new accountability and transparency Act forgets workers. Unifor National President Lana Payne goes tete-a-tete with the Bank of Canada governor. Plus: Bargaining updates from Boeing, Greater Toronto Airports Authority, and the Canadian Air Traffic Control Association.

 **WHAT'S HOT**

 **TAKE ACTION**



Unifor members in every region participated in Tears To Hope relays on June 17 to help raise funds for a healing centre in Northern B.C.

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Support striking Windsor Salt members on Thursday, June 29 by attending an in-person rally or showing solidarity online. Unifor local unions in driving range are asked to send a delegation and, if feasible, organize buses for your members to attend while members across the country can take virtual action.

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IN THE NEWS



Western Regional Director Gavin McGarrigle was joined by Amazon Labor Union president Chris Smalls as Unifor launched an organizing drive at two Vancouver-area fulfilment centres.

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For the third time this year, Unifor has uncovered a privatization scheme at SaskTel that sends work out of province or to a low-bid non-union firm.

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Metro grocery workers unite in demand for fair pay, access to benefits, and stable work hours in a historic strike vote ahead of their first contract negotiations since COVID-19 was declared a pandemic.

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Unifor believes the government's new Air Transportation Accountability legislation doesn't address the root problems of air passenger travel – working conditions in the sector.

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National President Lana Payne shared the views of workers and the union during a meeting with Bank of Canada Governor Tiff Macklem, with a focus on the challenges workers are facing as a result of interest rate hikes and corporate profiteering.

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Western Regional Director Gavin McGarrigle joined Minister of Natural Resources Jonathan Wilkinson, NDP Member of Parliament Daniel Blaikie and other representatives to help announce the tabling of Bill C-50, The Sustainable Jobs Act.

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Bill 124 is back in the courts. The government's appeal in defence of the wage restricting bill, which has been ruled unconstitutional, is being heard by the Ontario Court of Appeal this week. Unifor's team is confident and prepared to defend members' constitutional rights once again. Get the latest updates on the court proceedings.

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The 200 members of Unifor Locals 222Q and 216 at the Kruger Wayagamack paper mill in Trois-Rivières, Que. voted overwhelmingly to ratify a new agreement, ending a three-week strike.

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Unifor members are encouraged to reflect on their territorial acknowledgement practices and relationships with local Indigenous communities and organizations. Read our Indigenous Peoples' Day statement.

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On June 20, we observe World Refugee Day, a crucial opportunity to raise awareness and advocate for the rights and well-being of refugees worldwide.
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Unifor has partnered with the Canadian Red Cross in providing vital emergency services as wildfires continue to threaten numerous communities in Alberta, Quebec and the Atlantic Region, forcing tens of thousands of people to evacuate.

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Unifor Local 2169 members at Boeing Winnipeg ratified a new agreement, securing wage increase, improved benefits, and new equity provisions.
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The Canadian Air Traffic Control Association (CATCA), who are members of Unifor Local 5454, reached a tentative five-year agreement with NAV Canada in Ottawa on June 16.
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The 1,400 members of a Unifor Local 2002 unit have voted 80% in favour of ratifying a new four-year contract with the Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA).
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 **RESOURCES**



Watch Unifor National President Lana Payne's story and her message to graduates in the Humber College video that played before Lana was awarded an honorary degree at a ceremony last week.

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