

May 4, 2023



Delegates at Pride Conference shared stories and strategies for combatting homophobia and transphobia. Quebec Council delegates rally around Autobus strikers. Sign up for the Tears to Hope relay race to honour MMIWG. Hear from Unifor National President Lana Payne on worker solidarity for May Day. Grand River Transit workers head to the picket line after rejecting contract offer. See photos from Day of Mourning events. Plus: WestJet Toronto members, CN Rail workers and Delta Cascades Casino members ratify new contracts.

 **WHAT'S HOT**

 **TAKE ACTION**



“The struggle around workers’ rights is not something that we can chalk up to a single day. What we can do on May Day is remind each other that our struggles are worth celebrating,” says Unifor National President Lana Payne. Watch her May Day message.

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Register your local union’s team to be part of the relay race raising money for the Tears to Hope Society.

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## IN THE NEWS



Unifor members strategize to combat attacks on drag artists and the 2SLGBTQ community while building connections at the National Pride Conference.

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Delegates at Quebec Council united in Trois-Rivières to discuss labour disputes and take action on campaigns on the forestry sector and the preservation of mountain caribou.

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Transit workers in the Region of Waterloo began strike action this week to demand fair compensation and improved work/life balance.

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The 350 members of Unifor Local 531 ratify their first collective agreement with WestJet at Pearson International Airport in Toronto (YYZ).

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May 3, 2023, marks the 30th anniversary of World Press Freedom Day. It was proclaimed by the U.N. General Assembly in Dec. 1993 and is an opportunity to celebrate the fundamental principles of press freedom, assess the state of press freedom and pay tribute to journalists who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Read Unifor's statement.

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Bill C-228, a private members' bill that gives pension plan members super-priority during plan windups and bankruptcy proceedings received royal assent.

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Meet Tanika Chaisson, Unifor member and Alberta NDP candidate for Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo.

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The Alberta election is underway. Watch Unifor Western Regional Director Gavin McGarrigle describe what's at stake.

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Members of Unifor MWF Local 1 met with MPs this week in Ottawa to talk about how the National Shipbuilding Strategy has transformed the lives of workers.

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Frontline health care workers at Kingston Health Sciences Centre are standing up against Doug Ford's plan to privatize patient care. Nurses, lab techs, and other staff from Unifor, CUPE, ONA, OPSEU and SEIU came together to show their commitment to stopping the privatization agenda.

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More than 3,000 CN Rail workers across the country ratify new contract.

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Wage increases and improvements to scheduling are highlights of the first union contract for members at a new casino in Delta, B.C.

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### IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



Ceremonies and gatherings were held across Canada on April 28 to remember those who have died to workplace injury and illness. Watch the Unifor National

### RESOURCES



The pandemic took a toll on all workers - especially those in hard-hit industries. Many workers had to access temporary COVID relief benefits, and then transitioned to EI. The EI/ CPP conference

ceremony in honour of those who went to work and did not come home.

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is especially important if you or any of the members you represent were laid off during the pandemic. Register now for the EI/CIPP Conference, which runs Oct. 26-29.

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