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UNIFORUM 506

Quarterly Newsletter for Members of Unifor Local 506



WHAT'S NEW AT UNIFOR 506:

- 2025 Unifor Convention
- Bargaining Update
- Local 506 Election for President
- Contest Winners
- Truth and Reconciliation Sept 30th
- Retirements
- New Members
- Wanted - Chair for Local 506 Women's Committee

2025 UNIFOR CONVENTION

Local 506 delegates attended Unifor's 5th Constitutional Convention in Vancouver August 25-29th where "Protect Canadian Jobs" was this year's theme.

Members at Convention re-elected National President Lana Payne and the leadership team, including Atlantic Regional Director, Jennifer Murray. Lana vowed to continue fighting for workers everywhere in Canada.

"We have workers to defend, jobs to protect and a country and economy to get on track. And this country needs us. Canada needs this union. It needs the progressive force that we are," said Payne in her acceptance speech.

BARGAINING UPDATE

Stronger Together!

Unifor's Atlantic Communications Locals (Locals 401, 410, 506, and 2289) are in negotiations with Bell, fighting for a future where workers are valued assets, not just costs to be cut.

We are the proud workers of Bell Canada in Atlantic Canada. For decades, we have kept our communities, our neighbours, and our families connected. Every day, 1,400 of us give our all to serve this region we love.

But our reality has changed. Our jobs have been disappearing. Our wages are not keeping pace with the rising cost of living. Across Atlantic Canada, rent and home ownership costs have soared, making it harder for working families to make ends meet.

Meanwhile, decisions about our livelihoods are being made in Montreal and Toronto—by people who don't know us, don't live here, and don't understand the realities of life in Atlantic Canada.



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TOGETHER**

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LOCALS 401, 410, 506, 2289



Despite this, we have always stepped up. We have shown flexibility, commitment, and dedication to ensure the work gets done.

We are proud Atlantic Canadians. We are the ones who keep Bell's customers connected. And we know that when we stand together, we are **Stronger Together!**

The bargaining committee is focused on securing a fair contract that ensures wages keep up with the rising cost of living, protects jobs, and establishes lasting security for generations of workers.

What can you do?

We are creating an overview of our work being performed by workers outside of our bargaining unit. Your input is critical and we encourage members to send us details, including: Work Description, Location, Name of Company/Person Doing the Work, Department, Type of Work, and Estimated Volume & Frequency. If you have info on this, or any questions about bargaining, please contact the 506 Mobilization Liaison, Leesa Allain at leesa.allain@unifor506.ca

Stay Connected!

An information session took place on September 10th, with another one planned for Tuesday, October 15th, at 7 PM via Zoom. A calendar invite will be distributed to members during the week of October 8th.

If you haven't received an email from us recently, we may not have your email on file. Please contact us at unionoffice@unifor506.ca with your current personal email address.

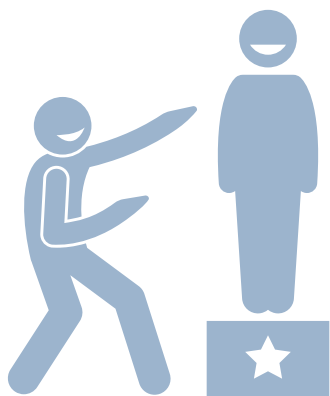
Resources and updates on the bargaining progress can be found on the **Stronger Together** webpage at www.unifor.org/campaigns/all-campaigns/stronger-together

LOCAL 506 ELECTION FOR PRESIDENT



Local 506 received nominations from its members during the September Sub-Local union meetings for the role of President of Local 506.

There was only one nomination for the role of President, and the sole nominee, Stéphane Lamoureux, accepted the nomination at the September 16th Region 1 Saint John union meeting.




The Election Committee met on September 25th to review the nominee's résumé and is pleased to announce that by acclamation, Stéphane Lamoureux will assume the role of President. Stéphane will be sworn in at the next Executive Board meeting.

CONTEST WINNERS

In the July edition of the Uniforum 506 newsletter, we challenged members to find a hidden Unifor logo. Two members were successful in finding the logo; congratulations to Eric Larocque and Mélissa Benoit, winners of a \$50 Sobeys gift card!



Another Unifor logo  is hidden in this newsletter. Find it and send the location to unionoffice@unifor506.ca and we'll put your name in a draw for a \$50 Sobeys gift card!

REMINDER

If you have a question, an issue you need to discuss, a safety concern, require personal support, or wish to have a union representative at a meeting with the company, please contact us at 506-634-8810 or unionoffice@unifor506.ca

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION - SEPTEMBER 30TH



September 30 is a national statutory holiday to recognize the widespread abuse at residential schools, honour survivors, and remembers those who did not return home. The event has been known as Orange Shirt Day since 2013, named after the clothing taken from Phyllis (Jack) Webstad when she was six years old on her first day at residential school.



Orange Shirt Day is a time to reflect on the cruel legacy of residential schools, a system supported by governmental and ecclesiastical authorities that sought to assimilate Indigenous children and eradicate their cultures.

The statement "Every Child Matters" reaffirms a commitment to recognize the inherent value of every child and the resilience of Indigenous communities that continue to advocate for truth and justice.

Together, let us continue to support the calls for reconciliation and commit to social and political change to honour the spirit and intent of "Every Child Matters."



- Karen Buckley Robichaud - Region 2
- Bruce Nickerson - Region 1
- Claire Bourgeois - Region 3
- Dorine LeBlanc - Region 2
- Ginette Breau - Region 2
- Eva Smith - Region 3
- Brian Lejeune - Region 2
- Jean Joseph Cormier - Region 2
- Patrick Carey - Region 1
- Corey Carpenter - Region 1
- Solange Boudreau - Region 1
- Andrew Buckle - Region 1
- H  l  ne Cyr - Region 2
- Lise Gallant - Region 2
- Yvette Gallant - Region 1
- Christine Gamblin - Region 3
- Kevin Henderson - Region 1
- Anna McCarty - Region 1
- Claudette Savidant - Region 1
- Joann Sommers - Region 1

NEW MEMBERS

- Betsy Jane O’Sullivan
- Paul LeBlanc
- Justin Savoie
- Brody Giberson



WANTED - WOMEN'S COMMITTEE CHAIR

A stylized illustration of a diverse group of people, including men and women of various ethnicities, with their arms raised in a celebratory gesture. The figures are rendered in a flat, modern style with a limited color palette of blues, oranges, and blacks.

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