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Unifor fights for anti-scab legislation across Canada and you can be part of it, funding for transit vehicles finally announced to secure jobs in Thunder Bay, Prairie Regional Council opens online, Unifor members make flu vaccines, relief announced for airlines, sick days come to BC and Nova Scotia, Manitobans get vaccine days and striking Nestle workers rally.

 **WHAT'S HOT**

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At Prairie Council, Western Regional Director Gavin McGarrigle discussed how Unifor members are leading the fightback against three anti-worker premiers in the prairies.

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Please take two minutes right now and help us make history in Canada's labour movement. Sign Unifor's petition demanding anti-scab legislation.

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## IN THE NEWS



Unifor is launching [a national campaign](#) calling on all elected provincial, territorial and federal legislators to enact anti-scab legislation, to restore balance to collective bargaining.

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After months of lobbying, transit funding is finally announced to secure hundreds of jobs at Local 1075 at the Alstom plant in Thunder Bay, where streetcars will be built and refurbished.

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Unifor members at Sanofi Pasteur are poised to increase Canada's domestic vaccine capability following a multi-million-dollar investment in a new manufacturing facility in Toronto.

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Canada's airline sector has finally seen some government support over the past few months, but will still need much more attention to get it ready to soar after COVID-19. The \$7 billion investment is not enough to meet the devastation of the industry.

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Unifor calls on the Ontario government to act immediately to reduce unacceptable surgical and diagnostic test backlog.

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Unifor is relieved the federal Minister of Natural Resources is intervening on a demand for Enbridge to shut down a pipeline that serves as key artery in the energy infrastructure between Canada and the U.S.

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Sick days have been announced in both British Columbia and Nova Scotia, though both could be better.

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Peycke Roan speaks out and shares how she felt like an outsider with just one look, when she got side-eye just before the pandemic began. In the months following, slurs “Kung flu” and “China virus” were often directed to people of Asian descent. She shares her story as part of Asian Heritage Month.

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More than 470 workers are on strike at the Nestle plant in Toronto. The union is seeking giving contract workers permanent status and better pension contributions. Workers and the President of Local 252 spoke about what it's like on the picket line.

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Less than a week after Unifor escalated its campaign, the conservative government in Manitoba finally implemented paid vaccination leave.

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Severe austerity measures recommended in Newfoundland economic report would devastate workers and their communities and impede a post-pandemic economic recovery if implemented.

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Nemak - Unifor won another important legal victory in the nearly two-year long Windsor Nemak plant dispute after arbitrator upholds the union's position that the company violated work commitment provisions of the collective agreement by moving work to Mexico.

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Unifor will not tolerate the condescending, arrogant and disrespectful interference in our Local 7378 pilot lead bargaining process in Canada by the Airline Pilots Association Int. in Virginia.

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Sodexo members increase paid days off and improve wages in new contract.

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Members of Unifor Local 1999 working for Reliance Home Comfort were locked out at midnight on May 12.

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Local 112 members at Jobsite Industrial in Burlington made significant gains in a strong first contract, ratifying the agreement by 85% over the weekend.

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There is nothing in Bill C-10 that threatens the ordinary use of YouTube or social media by ordinary Canadians, despite Conservative scare mongering, Jerry Dias says.

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# LABOUR MARKET INSIGHTS

A monthly review of labour market indicators  
April 2021



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