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Jerry Dias visits the Nestle picket line to share details of tentative agreement reached to end strike, sign up for Atlantic Regional Council, Unifor calls for union democracy in Mexico, read an OpEd on why we need anti-scab laws, Prairie Regional Council discusses social justice and politics, first Black member elected to Quebec Regional Council executive, Racial Justice Liaison tells story of her grandmother and identity, and Unifor members say Mike Harris must be fired.

 **WHAT'S HOT**

 **TAKE ACTION**



Watch Unifor members lead by our Indigenous Liaison in Manitoba, help the homeless by partnering with a local organization called the Mama Bear Clan.

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Atlantic Regional Council is fast approaching. Members from Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Newfoundland and Labrador will gather virtually to conduct the first ARC since the start of the pandemic. Act now to register before the May 25 deadline.

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IN THE NEWS



After nearly three weeks on the picket line, more than 470 workers who went on strike at a Nestlé Canada manufacturing plant in Toronto, have reached a three-year tentative agreement with the chocolate giant.

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Unifor is urging the federal government to send Canadian observers to oversee the re-do of a union certification vote at the General Motors plant in Silao, Mexico, following allegations of illegal vote tampering and worker intimidation by the CTM union.

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Scabs prolong strikes and lockouts, knock the balance between workers and employers out of whack, and need to be banned across Canada, Jerry Dias writes in a Toronto Star column.

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Political organizing and social justice were top priorities identified by delegates to the 2021 Prairie Regional Council, held virtually online.

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Lionel Ngoket, the first Black member elected to Quebec Regional Council executive board, explains his road to advocacy and what his new role means for other Black, Indigenous and People of Colour in leadership positions.

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Unifor is hopeful about the future of skilled trades training and development following the announcement of Skilled Trades Ontario, a new, streamlined crown agency.

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South Asian Heritage Month - Racial Justice Liaison tells story of her grandmother and identity.

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Ontario health care unions call on shareholders to oust Mike Harris as Chartwell board chair.

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Unifor condemns escalating attacks on the people of Gaza, leading to a mounting death toll.

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Unifor marks the 2021 International



Attention all members, if you have children

Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia (IDAHOT) with solidarity for people of all sexual and gender minorities.

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entering their first year of post-secondary education, don't forget to have them apply for a chance at being awarded one of 28 Unifor scholarships available. Deadline is June 7, 2021.

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Members of Local 100 ratified a new collective agreement with VIA Rail. This was the first time the local had used an online system to conduct the vote.

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Health care workers across Ontario demand that the Ford government repeal Bill 124 and start treating them like the heroes they are.

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Unifor Local 195 members at Flex-N-Gate in Windsor ratify new agreement that secures strong economic and equity gains.

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Unifor's Bell Craft bargaining team returns to the table this week.

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Continued random alcohol testing of Unifor members at Marine Atlantic is a flagrant privacy violation and contradicts newly-established labour precedent.

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Watch Unifor National President Jerry Dias' remarks on newly announced transit

RESOURCES



Unifor celebrates personal support workers (PSWs) in Ontario, and

funding totalling \$568 million that will protect Unifor Local 1075 members' jobs at Alstom Thunder Bay.

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Continuing Care Assistants (CCAs) in Nova Scotia on May 19, Personal Support Worker Day.

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