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BIWOC conference had a poignant theme, aviation workshop on tech change, Manitoba Hydro rotating strikes, Jack Saddleback leads discussion at Indigenous Day webinar, Unifor will be at Toronto Caribbean Carnival, Bell Clerical votes to strike, Toronto Police race data confirms what we already knew, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation recognized as a holiday at Enbridge, plus inflation factsheet.

 **WHAT'S HOT**

 **TAKE ACTION**



Unifor Local 681 members at Manitoba Hydro began rotating strikes on June 17. Watch the rally and hear about what's at stake for these members who worked during the pandemic on the front lines of in-home service.

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On Aug. 6, 2022, as part of the Aviation Council meeting, Unifor will be running a one-day workshop to gather information to help local unions prepare their collective agreements for Technological Change. Deadline for registration is July 22 at 5 p.m.

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## IN THE NEWS



The three-day Black, Indigenous and Workers of colour (BIWOC) conference – which took place in-person June 17 to 19, 2022, in Port Elgin, Ont. – had a poignant theme this year: “Practicing radical self-care is an act of activism.”

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On National Indigenous Peoples' Day guest speaker Jack Saddleback led a webinar discussion about gender diversity in Indigenous communities.

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After two years of missing the parade because of COVID-19, communities are gathering at the 2022 Toronto Caribbean Carnival July 30 with Unifor's presence – in the union's signature red and white colours.

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Bell clerical workers issued a historic strike vote this weekend, marking the first time this group has ever taken a strike vote during negotiations.

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E-commerce warehouse workers at The Bay take strike action after Canada's flagship retailer refused retroactive pay after workers continued to provide services without a contract during the pandemic.

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The Toronto Police releasing race-based data that affirms BIPOC were disproportionately targeted by officers is merely a first step. The data is what BIPOC communities have always known.

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Canada has been a welcoming place for refugees, including from Ukraine, but must treat all refugees equally. Afghan refugees are facing long delays, despite early promises. For World Refugee Day, Unifor commits to ensuring all refugees are treated equally.

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The deadline to complete the Hospitality, Gaming and Airline sector survey on sexual harassment has been extended to June 30! Take the survey to help Unifor and Western University better understand the challenges you face on the job.

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Monkeypox is an emerging concern in Canada. Read the Health, Safety & Environment fact sheet on Monkeypox and inform your fellow members about this possible hazard.

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plan to hold strike votes as VIA Rail negotiations break down.

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Last week, Unifor's Bell ACL bargaining committee made major progress at the table, buoyed by the strength of telecom groups across the country.

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opened conciliation with the company this week with a strike mandate in their pocket.

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Wage increases and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation are key features of a new agreement ratified on June 13 to end the Local 999 strike in Ontario.

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