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A stronger union through bargaining, organizing and political change are key takeaways at Prairie Regional Council. The GTAA's cap to flights and travellers misses the mark. WestJet must ensure its acquisition of Sunwing benefits Canadian workers. SaskTel workers should be given priority as company expands broadband network. Plus: Labour Market Insights for February and Unifor's statement on the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

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Watch two Unifor members describe the battle against union busting at Windsor Salt in Windsor, Ont.

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Save the date: Unifor's 2023 Pride Conference will take place on April 28-30 of this year! The conference will be held at the Family Education Centre in Port Elgin, Ontario and will be open only to members of the LGBTQ2SI community.

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IN THE NEWS



Unifor's 2023 Prairie Regional Council focused on the union's work to build worker power through political fightback, social activism, and tough collective bargaining.

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Leading up to March break and the busy summer travel season, the Greater Toronto Airports Authority decision to cap flights and the number of travellers fails both passengers and airport workers.

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With government approval of WestJet's acquisition of Sunwing, Unifor remains steadfast that the merger must result in increased job quality for workers at Sunwing and WestJet.

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Highly qualified union workers at SaskTel should do the work involved in the company's massive expansion of its fibre optic broadband network into rural Saskatchewan.

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Unifor sent a delegation of members and leadership to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in New York City. Read Unifor Women's Department Director Tracey Ramsey's thoughts and insights on their time at CSW67.

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Autoworker unions in Canada and Mexico applaud the launch of a trade complaint by the Canadian government after requests from Unifor and SINTTIA to stop labour abuses at the Fränkische auto parts facility in Mexico.

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On March 21, we recognize the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. In 2023, our message is: “Our thoughts, our words, our actions.” Read Unifor’s statement.

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On International Women’s Day 2023, hundreds of community organizations from across Canada have signed a statement declaring that gender equality cannot be achieved without supporting, celebrating, and uplifting trans women.

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There is a lot to be gleaned from the Feb. 28 David Eby and Danielle Smith budgets about “left” and “right” philosophies and more importantly, the outcomes for working people, writes Unifor Western Regional Director Gavin McGarrigle.

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Ontario's 2023 budget release is set for March 23. Will the Ford government finally invest in strengthening programs and services such as health care and education or continue to create chaos while cutting taxes and privatizing health care, asks Unifor Researcher Kaylie Tiessen.

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The 18 members at Unifor Local 462 have reached a three-year deal with Gesco Limited Partnership in Brampton, Ont.

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IN CASE YOU MISSED IT



Unifor members and leaders were busy on International Women's Day. Check out photos from across the country in our Facebook album.

RESOURCES



The Canadian economy added nearly 22,000 jobs in Feb. 2023 and the unemployment rate remained level at 5%. Compared to the same time in 2022, there are 410,000 more workers in Canada, an overall gain of 2.1% year-over-year. Read

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February's Labour Market Insights.

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