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Federal budget invests in industrial manufacturing but fails to fix Employment Insurance. Ontario and Saskatchewan unveil provincial budgets. Lana Payne elevates worker power during speech at the United Auto Workers convention in Detroit, Mich. Wear red to support Equal Pay Day. Members participate in Bargaining Workers' Power events in Atlantic Canada. Plus: Read Unifor's statement on Trans Day of Visibility.

 **WHAT'S HOT**

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In a keynote address to delegates at the UAW Special Bargaining Convention, National President Lana Payne speaks on the need to plan for the transition to a green future to ensure that workers are not left behind, workers bearing the cost of interest rate hikes and inflation, and the unique moment of opportunity for working people to change the future.



This year, Equal Pay Day will be marked on April 4, meaning that women will have worked an extra quarter of a year just to earn what their male counterparts made last year. Help draw attention to this inequality by wearing red and sending your photo to women@unifor.org.



IN THE NEWS



Unifor Bargaining Worker Power strategy sessions are underway with meetings across the country. Atlantic members gathered in Saint John, Fredericton, Edmundston, Miramichi and Moncton to share their ideas and experiences. Check out the Facebook album.

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Unifor commends the 2023 federal budget's focus on new industrial manufacturing investments but condemns inaction to fix an Employment Insurance system that fails workers.

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The Ontario government's 2023 budget must reinvest in public health care and support workers and critical industries to make better use of recent windfalls.

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Key public services that working people rely on every day will see little to no increase in service levels from the 2023 provincial budget that earmarks a massive surplus for the Sask Party government's re-election bid in 2024.

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National President Lana Payne brought a message of solidarity, union building and worker power to delegates at the United Auto Workers Special Bargaining Conference in Detroit, Mich.

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Lana Payne was joined by Unifor Local Presidents Amrik Singh Dhami (Local 1688), Véronique Prévost (Local 6004) and Kathleen Brooks (Local 8300) to hear U.S. President Joe Biden's pro-union address to Parliament. Check out the Facebook album.

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Unifor calls for action both within the union and beyond on the Trans Day of Visibility.

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Unifor is demanding an update on the Competition Bureau's civil investigation into whether Google has engaged in certain practices that harm competition in the online display advertising industry in Canada.

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Unifor's Assistant to the National Officers Kelly-Anne Orr warns that the proposed "Your Health Act" is a "political choice that is not in the best interests of Ontarians or our health care system" during her submission to the province's Standing Committee on Social Policy.

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The bargaining committee for Unifor Locals 1959 and 240 will meet again with the employer at Windsor Salt for four days the week of April 3, 2023.

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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, Ont. and will be open only to members of the LGBTQ2SI community. Registration closes next Friday, April 7.

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Members of Unifor Local 510 working for Autobus Longueuil in Longueuil, Que. went on strike beginning March 21.

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Wage increases and improved benefits are highlights of a newly ratified collective agreement between Unifor Local 1999 and Mr. Furnace in St. Catharines, Ont.

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A lack of progress from Fairmont Empress at the bargaining table has forced members of Unifor Local 4276 in Victoria, B.C. to give their bargaining committee a strike mandate.

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The union is committed to providing its leadership, staff, and members with training to assist those who are struggling. Every day, we also advocate for better systemic supports through employer initiatives and public policies to both prevent and address the root causes of mental health issues. Read Unifor's new mental health booklet, Mental Health Matters.

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