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Unifor members are uniting to stop Islamophobia, bad trade deals and anti-worker laws. We're also reaching out to new members and negotiating strong contracts.

WHAT'S HOT



Hundreds of Unifor members take to the streets in Montreal demanding a better NAFTA, as negotiations resume.

TAKE ACTION



In remembering the mosque shooting of January 29, Unifor calls on all members for solidarity to stop Islamophobia.



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IN THE NEWS



Thousands of hotel workers will vote to join Unifor as part of Unifor Local 7575.

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Unifor is among eight unions granted leave to intervene in a constitutional challenge of N.S. wage suppression bill.

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Unifor members dedicate Alzheimer's fundraising walk to Bob White, raising thousands of dollars.

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BARGAINING UPDATES

New tentative agreement with Jazz Customer and Aircraft services, ratification underway across the country.

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Workers at Delastek vote to end nearly 21-month long strike – under certain conditions.

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New tentative agreement for Bell Aliant workers in Atlantic Canada.

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New contract approved by workers at lafrate Machine Works.

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Atlantic Regional Director Lana Payne with a personal story on solidarity and why she supports the leaving the CLC.

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GOVERNMENT BENEFITS 2018
as of January 1, 2018



Canada Pension Plan and Quebec Pension Plan	CPP	QPP
1. Contribution Rate	4.95%	5.4%
2. Year's maximum insurable earnings (YMPE)	\$53,853.00	\$53,853.00
3. Basic exemption	\$3,500.00	\$1,300.00
4. Maximum premiums for employees	\$2,589.00	\$2,629.00
Maximum premiums for self-employed	\$5,178.00	\$5,258.00
5. Retirement benefits (premiums for new retirees)	\$5,236.27	\$1,242.77
6. Early Retirement Benefit (yes)	\$1,500.00	\$1,100.00
7. Disability (yes)	\$1,771.00	\$1,771.00
8. Dependent children benefit	\$348.04	\$748.04
9. Surviving spouse 65 and over (yes)	\$650.00	\$880.00
10. Surviving spouse under 65 (yes)	\$246.62	N/A
Surviving spouse 65-64 (yes) - not disabled, no child	N/A	\$100.00
Surviving spouse under 65 (yes) - not disabled, with child	N/A	\$275.00
Disabled	N/A	\$100.00
Employment Insurance (EI)		
	Canada (incl. Quebec)	Quebec
1. Annual insurable maximum (weekly)	\$11,700.00	\$11,700.00
2. Premiums - Annual maximum (employee)	\$818.22	\$875.10
Premiums - Annual maximum (employer)	\$1,201.51	\$990.94
3. Benefits - weekly maximum (15% of insurable earnings)	\$547.00	\$547.00
Old Age Security (effective January 1, 2018 - no special opt-out)		
		Maximum Monthly
1. Old Age Security		\$196.00
2. Guaranteed Income Supplement		\$876.23
3. Spouse's Allowance (Age 65-69)		\$1,194.14
4. Widowed spouse's allowance (Age 60-69)		\$1,123.00

Get the update on government benefit rates for this year, including CPP and QPP, EI and OAS.

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