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Unifor rallies behind CUPE and its 55,000 education workers. Media Council provides anti-harassment support for journalists. Alberta Local and National leadership plan provincial election strategy. Save local news, Media Director Randy Kitt urges in his Senate witness statement. Sunwing's plan to hire foreign temporary workers raises safety concerns. Activists gather outside Manitoba legislature to advocate for health care workers. Plus: Stellantis and Right Time Call Centre ratify contracts.

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Unifor's Media Council took place Oct. 28 to 30 at the Unifor Family Education Centre in Port Elgin, Ont. The focus was on harassment – online and in the field – and its impact on media workers and the supports the union are developing, such as the helpshere website.

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The right to strike is on the line. Show up to support CUPE education workers and defend workers' rights in Ontario. Find an action near you.

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### IN THE NEWS



The Ford government has introduced a law that revokes CUPE education workers' Charter right to strike and imposes working conditions. Workers must retain our right to withdraw our labour. This is a threat to workers across the country, and all workers must fight back.

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Unifor local leadership from across Alberta gathered in Calgary to meet the new national elected officers and have an extensive strategy discussion about the months ahead.

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At a Senate hearing this week, Unifor Media Director Randy Kitt testified that Bill C-11 – otherwise known as the Online Streaming Act – is missing one key element: to save local news.

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November 2 marks the day to end impunity for crimes committed against journalists. Only one in 10 crimes against journalists is investigated worldwide. This has to change. Read Unifor's statement.

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Unifor Director of Research Angelo DiCaro appeared at the House of Commons' Standing Committee on International Trade to testify on the potential trade impacts of the United States Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 on workers in Canada.

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Unifor raises safety concerns about Sunwing's plan to use Canada's temporary foreign worker program to hire pilots from countries with less rigorous training requirements.

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Membership engagement and building union solidarity through social, sport and leisure activities was discussed at the Unifor National Recreation Council meeting held Oct. 28-30 in Niagara Falls, Ont.

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Unifor Local 195 and Local 1285 Stellantis members at the Team Industrial Paint Unit in both Windsor and Brampton Assembly plants vote overwhelmingly in favour of new three-year collective agreements.

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Unifor Local 1999 members working at Right Time Call Centre will see wage increases and stronger RRSP matching after ratifying a new collective agreement on Nov. 2, 2022.

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Porter Airlines Fixed Based Operations members vote 100% in favour of a new four-year deal that includes significant wage gains.

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Community and health care activists rallied outside of the Manitoba legislature to launch the union's "Respect Us. Protect Us. Pay Us." campaign to improve the working conditions and wages of Association for Community Living workers.

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On paper, it looks like Canada's real hourly wage flat lined between September 2019 and September 2022 with a paltry increase of just 13 cents. But without changes in the composition of the labour market the average hourly wage would have been even worse. Read how the labour market composition is pushing real wages higher in every province.

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