Unifor Local 25 Membership Update: 2015-March-20

Charity Food Drive

This spring Local 25 has organized a charity food drive in support of the Fort York Food Bank. Please check out their website at <u>www.FYFB.com</u>. This food bank has consistently received high praise from Charity Intelligence, an organization which investigates charities based on transparency and dedication to their programs. FYFB is one of thirty-two four star organizations and are well worth our support. Please bring in a can or two as every donation counts. Bins will be available until the morning of April 1st. Our donation bins are located at:

220 Simcoe 483 Bay St 76 Adelaide

Bell Pensioners Group

The BPG has reached out to Local 25 and the following is the submission from Titus Ramkhalawansingh, a founding member of Local 25 and former election committee chair.

The Bell Pensioners' Group (BPG) is a not-for-profit organization incorporated in 1995; it advocates on behalf of more than 30,000 retirees of Bell and their beneficiaries. Its activities are financed solely from membership dues.

The BPG is a founding member of the Canadian Federation of Pensioners, a growing network of pensioner group that together represents 250,000 retired individuals across Canada. BPG has now changed its policy and accepts current employees who are entitled to a defined Benefit Pension to become members. The primary objective of the Bell Pensioners' Group is to protect the interests of Bell Canada pensioners in maintaining their defined benefit pensions and benefits. This is accomplished through:

- \cdot advocating to government for improved pension legislation and regulations;
- · ongoing dialogue and formal meetings with Bell;
- · advocating within stakeholder community;
- · supporting pensioners' representatives on the Bell corporate Pension Information Committee (PIC)

For more information or to join email us at email <u>ontcentral@bellpensionersgroup.ca</u> or visit our website: <u>http://bellpensionersgroup.ca/index3.php?lang=en&chapt=OntarioCentral</u>

Chief Steward Resigns

Robert Curtis resigned effectively March 6th 2015. No replacement has been designated as of the sending of this e-mail. Any interested potential candidates should contact Local 25 via <u>justin.connolly@unifor25.com</u>. Rob was a long standing Chief Steward and we all wish him well in his future endeavors.