



UNIFOR NATIONAL PRESIDENT ENDORSEMENT

These have been trying times for all members of our union and Local 25 did not rush to make an endorsement decision but carefully weighed the options presented. During the campaign it has become abundantly clear that Scott Doherty is the right trade unionist with the right team around him to continue our fight to get our fair share.

Many members have questions about the actions of Jerry Dias which have yet to be answered and we will continue to demand accountability about the allegations. However, moving forward the question before all of us is 'who would best lead our national union, the telecommunications sector, and Bell Craft bargaining unit'?

BCE is a very powerful corporation with deep pockets and seasoned negotiators. Our members demand bargaining be a top Unifor priority and Scott Doherty has demonstrated with his experience at the bargaining table that he is a capable negotiator that will work with our unit representatives. Our contract expires in a little over two years and our negotiations are not 'entry level' discussions for the inexperienced so we need a national President that 'gets' our bargaining unit.

Moreover, in addition to our bargaining unit, we must have leaders at the highest echelons of the union that understand the telecommunications industry and not treat it as an afterthought. With telecommunications being one of the largest industries in Unifor, no other candidate put together a capable 'day one' ready team with the experienced trade unionists around them to work for the sector and this demonstrates important recognition which the industry deserves from the Unifor President.

Finally, our union needs adherence to the Unifor constitution to create open and transparent leadership. Scott during this campaign was willing to follow the strict constitutional rules for this election. Others supported changes outside what the constitution called for and in doing so undermined the rules which called for a special convention to choose the new President thereby creating fresh allegations of unnecessary constitutional scandal. Scott has been open and transparent, our national Union needs that kind of leadership, now more than ever.

With the aforementioned reasons listed above, Local 25 is pleased to announce our endorsement of Scott Doherty to be the next President of Unifor. We wish him and his team all the best in the upcoming election to be held at the national convention this coming August.