

# UNIFOR LOCAL 25

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Next Local 25 Membership Meeting

**Wednesday March 9th - 6 P.M.**

## **GTA Alliance Announced:**

An historic accord was struck between the five major Bell / BTS GTA Locals and announced on February 28th during a Local 1996-o rally. The rally was held to vote on a motion put forward by the 1996-o executive to end scabbing within the BCE family of telecommunications and passed at 91% in favour.

This action was a follow up to a vote held in November at the Ontario Communications Council. The vote saw 95% of the delegates voting in favour of approaching National to examine a legal opinion which found there is a possibility that BTS and Bell workers could be legally determined to be a common employer, thereby ending the forced scabbing which previously occurred during past strikes.

Locals 25, 26, 27c, 52 and 1996-o have all signed a document, provided to the Unifor national President, Jerry Dias, stating our mutual aspiration to pursue this avenue of approach with the company and the labour board.

For more information about the vote held at 1996-o please see their website: <http://unifor1996-o.ca/news/>

## **Local Union Task Force:**

On Wednesday March 2nd, Unifor held a Local Union Task Force meeting in downtown Toronto to discuss how we can better serve our members, build locals and build the national union. From Local 25, President Justin Connolly, Vice President Lenny Nembhard, Treasurer Ross Rennie and Chief Steward Deanne Smith attended.

Former and retired CAW President Ken Leiwenza spoke at the meeting and highlighted the opportunities which are presented to our locals due to the close proximity of many of our brothers and sisters in other units. Our lunch and learn held with 6007 and political action taken with 1996-o are models of how we should continue to work in the future. We hope the task force will continue to develop new models of how we can better improve our services and deliver our message.

Local 25 will continue to hold lunch meetings with any interested workers in order to discuss our local, our union and our communities. Please contact: [justin.connolly@unifor25.com](mailto:justin.connolly@unifor25.com) if you and your peers are interested.

If you wish to read the full LUFT report, please visit the Unifor LUFT website: <http://www.unifor.org/en/take-action/campaigns/local-union-task-force>

**Membership Meeting on March 9th:**

Reminder, there will be a membership meeting held on March 9th. There will be three key areas of interest.

- We will be selecting our bargaining caucus representative, this individual will attend meetings to hear from the bargaining committee.

- There will be further discussion on the GTA Alliance, what it means and its purpose.

- Bill Howes will be coming to discuss and sell copies of Joan Roberts book:  
*'Cracked How Telephone Operators Took on Canada's Largest Corporation ... And Won'*.

This is a fantastic opportunity to read about women leaders who organized their workplace, fought to shatter glass ceilings and her work in building the foundation of our union.

If you cannot attend and wish to purchase the book, copies can be acquired from the publisher:

<https://www.dundurn.com/books/Cracked>

**March 20th Event:**

To mark the International day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Unifor Local 1285 will be hosting an event in Brampton, organized by the Aboriginal and Workers of Colour Committee and you are invited!

There will be refreshments and guest speakers. The event will run from 3:30 – 7:30.

The venue is located at 23 Regan Rd, Brampton.

*Regards,*

***Justin Connolly***  
President - Unifor Local 25

Local 25 Membership Meetings  
*Come and help make the decisions that affect you, your Local and your Union*



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