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Ontario Regional Council focused on health care privatization and affordable housing for all. Unifor celebrates 10 years of victories and struggles in its new Canadian Council video. The union's Social Justice Fund reflects on a decade of community and international outreach. VIA Rail's new baggage and reservation policies a burden for passengers and workers and Unifor is encouraged by Google deal with federal government, which sees \$100M injected annually into saving local news.

## WHAT'S HOT



Unifor began a year of 10th anniversary celebrations at Canadian Council in

## TAKE ACTION



Despite progress, trans and gender diverse people in Canada continue to be

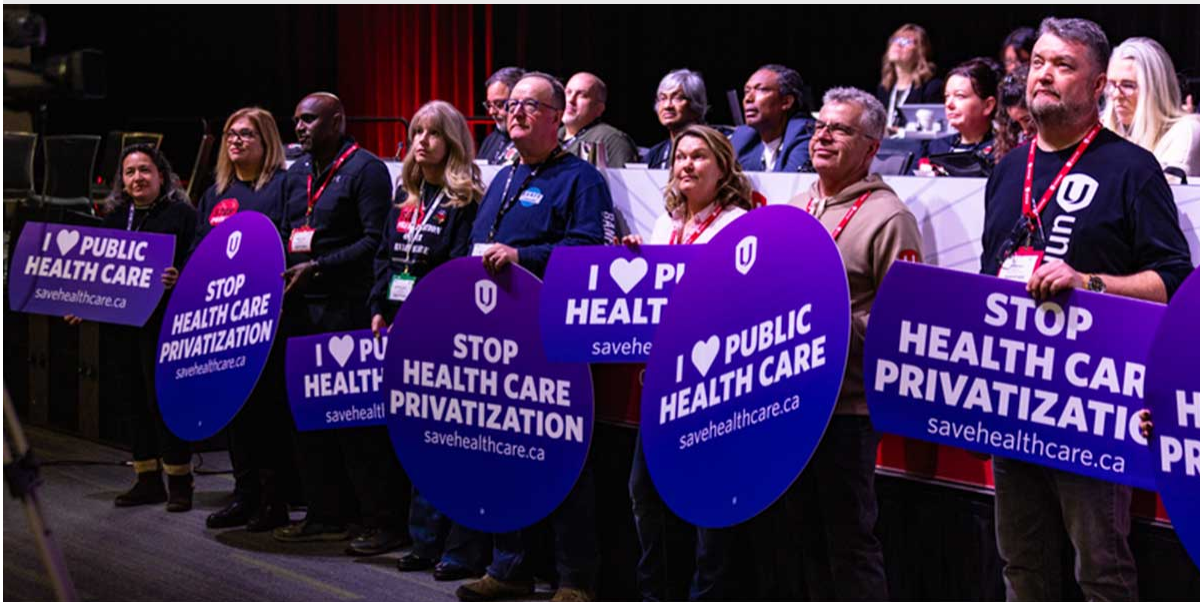
August. Look back at how far we've come and how much stronger we are now. Watch the 10th Anniversary Canadian Council video now.

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denied full equality, the freedom to be themselves, and the safety and acceptance every Canadian deserves. Sign the petition now to support queer and trans people across Canada!

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## IN THE NEWS



Unifor delegates gathered in Ottawa for Ontario Regional Council last weekend to hear about auto bargaining victories, rally to fight health care privatization and push for housing affordability and to put pressure on the government for better 2SLGBTQ+ and trans rights.

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Unifor Celebrates a Decade of Global Impact with the Social Justice Fund.

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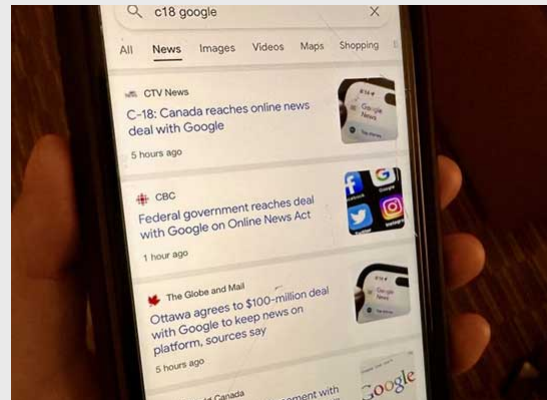
VIA Rail Canada's new baggage policy and reservation system introduces sweeping changes that are catching passengers and workers off-guard as rail travel gears up for the holiday season.

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Unifor is disappointed with the federal government's decision to proceed without a public request for tenders for the purchase of Multi-Mission Aircraft.

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The announcement by the federal government to forge a path forward with Google by implementing the Online News Act and keeping local and national news content accessible for Canadians is encouraging, says Unifor.

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Telecommunications workers from Expertech converged in Kingston, Ontario, rallying against Bell's sustained efforts in job erosion through practices such as offshoring and contracting out.

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Unifor welcomes 1,000 new members as merger with the Society of Professional Engineers and Associates is finalized.

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Lana Payne, National President, reflects on a year of tremendous solidarity and awe-inspiring acts of worker power at ORC 2023. "This year we have been confronting some of the largest corporations on the planet – and we are winning."

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Samia Hashi, Ontario Regional Director, shares heartfelt remarks to hundreds of delegates at ORC 2023. Samia outlined her critical goals for the year, including organizing to build our union, mobilizing to demand our fair share, and halting the privatization of health care.

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Watch as National Secretary-Treasurer, Len Poirier, discusses campaigns to create good jobs and our union's role in combating corporate greed. "We will not tolerate a company that prioritizes profit over people, that values division over unity, and that disregards the mental health and morale of its workforce."

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## BARGAINING UPDATES

Manitoba Casino members at Unifor Local 144 vote 98% in favour of strike action if a fair contract cannot be reached this month.

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Unifor members of First Student Bus – which provides school bus services for schools in Cornwall and Embrun, Ont. – have resoundingly ratified their new contract by 95%.

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Local 100 and Autoport LTD are entering conciliation.

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Negotiations with CNTL have been productive, the bargaining committee has completed all of the work rule proposals and will reconvene bargaining in the New Year.

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 **IN CASE YOU MISSED IT**

 **RESOURCES**



More than 70 academics have united in support of a federal ban on replacement workers (Bill C-58). The bill is currently undergoing its Second Reading in the House of Commons, presenting a historic opportunity to reshape the landscape of workers' rights in federally regulated workplaces.

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Unifor has been on the frontlines fighting to maintain publicly funded and delivered health care in Ontario. This video uncovers the stark realities faced by health care workers and patients under the current Conservative government's push towards privatization.

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