

### **May Day**

A reminder to the membership to sign up for the [May Day](#) contingent. Please RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/g94S5EN7RDqVZUGn8>

Read Unifor's May Day statement here: <https://www.unifor.org/news/all-news/2026-may-day-statement>

### **Asian Heritage Month**

Throughout the month of May, members are encouraged to engage in cultural celebrations that highlight the beautiful intricacies of Asian cultures in Canada and in our union, and to keep that spirit of activism alive, fighting for the rights of Asian workers and migrant workers who continue to be left behind.

Read Unifor statement here: <https://www.unifor.org/news/all-news/asian-heritage-month-statement-2026>

### **2026 Q1 Audit**

Unifor Local's Trustees, Haylee Keyes and Marlo Collier, have commenced the Q1 2026 audit. Quarterly audits by Local Trustees ensure our Local is compliant with [Article 15 H](#) of the Unifor National Constitution.

### **2026 Men's Mental Health Workshop**

The Ontario Regional Council EFAP Committee is inviting members to the [2026 Men's Mental Health Workshop](#) on Monday, June 22nd, 2026. This event will take place at the Unifor Ottawa Office.

Please find attached the invitation containing all important information and the registration link. We encourage all members to engage in the conversation to help break the stigma around Men's Mental Health.

### **Steward Elections**

We wish to draw each unit's attention to article 13(b) of the bylaws, which states "Stewards shall be elected by each workplace following the annual meeting or within thirty (30) days of a vacancy in the office." Also, article 13(c) states "In accordance with Article 15(e) of the Constitution, Stewards shall serve terms of the same duration of Local Executive Officers."

As the Annual General Meeting was held on January 16, and elections were held for executive board positions, each unit must now hold steward elections. Please inform us of the results of your unit's steward elections as soon as possible.

### **2026 Orders for Unifor Clothing/Items**

We are accepting orders for Unifor Local 567 branded clothing from the [Cavan Catalogue](#) and offer reimbursement for clothing or other items from the [Unifor store](#).

You can email your [order form](#) for Cavan orders, or a receipt for reimbursement for [Unifor store](#) orders, to the local's Treasurer, [Maria Dabboussy](#). The board has set an order limit of \$105 per member for 2026.

## **Unifor Education**

Unifor offers online courses that can be completed at your own pace. Topics include collective bargaining, grievance handling, workplace harassment, and more. To start a course, click [here](#).

Unifor also offers in-person courses at its [Family Education Centre in Port Elgin](#). Some units have [Paid Education Leave](#) (PEL) in their collective agreements and accumulated PEL funds can be used to cover the costs of course attendance. We can also support course attendance for members in units with insufficient PEL funds.

Unifor also offers [Area Schools](#) courses, which bring union education to communities across the country.

Course schedules for the Family Education Centre, Area Schools, and online courses are available on the [Unifor website](#). Please contact the local's Vice President, [Codie Fortin Lalonde](#), if you are interested in a course.

There are also several educational resources available on the [Member Resources](#) page of our website, which we encourage you to review.

## **Staying Connected with Unifor**

You can stay connected with Unifor by subscribing to its various newsletters to receive regular updates on the union's events and work. You can subscribe by clicking [here](#) and filling out the form.

You can also follow Unifor on [X](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).

## **Bargaining Updates**

- A new collective agreement with the CCPA has been signed and is available on [Unifor Local 567 website](#).
- A new agreement has been reached for Ecology Ottawa and will be available on the website once it has been drafted and signed.
- Preparation to bargain with the Canadian Health Coalition (CHC) has proceeded. The bargaining team is working on drafting proposals and scheduling to meet with management in June.
- The Council of Canadians are preparing for bargaining.

To learn more about the collective bargaining process, click [here](#).

To learn more about the resolution of workplace issues through the grievance procedure, click [here](#).

It is important to regularly review your collective agreement and report workplace concerns as soon as possible to your [unit's steward\(s\)](#). If your unit does not have a steward, please contact the local's Chief Steward, [Nate Little](#). Failure to report a concern could undermine the union's ability to address the concern due to the union being unable to advise you or intervene at critical times, or due to deadlines being missed.

**Membership sharing**

If members would like an event. Advertised in the Unifor Local 567 monthly update, please reach out to Hanan Mankal at [unifor567recsec@gmail.com](mailto:unifor567recsec@gmail.com).