

Unifor Canadian Council

August 18 - 20, 2017

Solidarity for a Better World

TO: Local Union Presidents and Recording Secretaries

Greetings!

The 3rd Unifor Canadian Council will be held from August 18-20, 2017, at the RBC Convention Centre, 375 York Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba. The Council will convene on Friday, August 18, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., in Hall C.

There is no registration fee for Canadian Council.

Industry Council meetings, scheduled in conjunction with the Canadian Council, will be held on Thursday, August 17. More details are enclosed.

Included with this letter is the delegate registration form, local union delegate entitlement information, child care registration form, information on submitting resolutions, and travel & accommodation information.

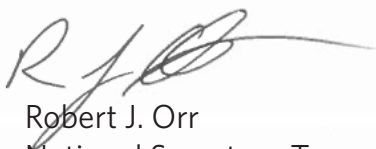
Representation at Canadian Council is governed by Articles 9.8 and 9.9 of the Unifor Constitution.

All locals are encouraged to consider equity representation (Women, Aboriginal Workers, Workers of Colour, Workers with disABILITY, LGBTQ and Young Workers (age 35 or younger) as part of their delegation.

The deadline for receiving registrations is 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, July 14, 2017.**

The deadline for receiving resolutions is 5:00 p.m. **Friday, July 14, 2017.**

In solidarity,



Robert J. Orr
National Secretary-Treasurer

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Important Information for Registering Delegates

Delegates to this Canadian Council are as outlined in Articles 9.8 and 9.9 of the Unifor Constitution and based on the dues period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. Your local union entitlement is on the attached entitlement breakdown sheet. If you have questions please contact brenda.mackay@unifor.org.

- a) There is no registration fee to attend Canadian Council;
- b) The attached registration form must be completed, signed by the local union president and sent to the National Secretary-Treasurer's office one of the following ways:
 1. Email to: treasurer@unifor.org
 2. Fax to: 416-495-3787
 3. Online: www.unifor.org/CanadianCouncil
 4. Mail to: Unifor National Office
Attention: National Secretary-Treasurer's Office
205 Placer Court
Toronto, ON M2H 3H9
- c) Delegates that self-identify to an equity seeking group are asked to complete the enclosed self-identification form.
- d) The deadline to submit registration forms is Friday, July 14, 2017.

Article 9.8

Local Union delegate entitlement to the Canadian Council shall be as follows:

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| • Local Unions with 1 to 500 members | 1 delegate |
| • Local Unions with 501 to 999 members | 2 delegates |
| • Local Unions with 1000 to 2999 members | 4 delegates |
| • Local Unions with 3000 members or more | 6 delegates |

Article 9.9

The following individuals will also be delegates to the Canadian Council with voice and one vote each:

- In addition to the Chairperson, four (4) executive members of the Quebec Council and Regional Councils.
- Three (3) members of each Standing Committee of the Quebec Council and Regional Councils established in this Constitution.
- Executive members of Industry Councils.
- Members of the National Executive Board.
- Members of the Executive of the National Council of Retired Workers.

Additional Equity Delegate

Local Unions may apply to the National Secretary-Treasurer to send one (1) additional delegate who shall be a woman or from an equity seeking group. The Secretary-Treasurer may restrict these delegates according to cost and space limitations.

There are no alternates to Canadian Council. Attendees other than delegates are either observers or an approved equity delegate.

Accessibility

Unifor seeks to make all union meetings and events accessible and barrier free. If you require accommodations for a human rights related need, we invite you to provide us with your relevant information so that we can take all reasonable steps to address any barriers to your participation in your Union. Please email requests to treasurer@unifor.org.

Registration Information

Registration will take place at the RBC Convention Centre during the following times:

- Thursday, August 17 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, August 18 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 19 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Industry Council Meetings

If your Industry Council is meeting in Winnipeg prior to the start of Canadian Council, you will be notified directly by your Industry Council. .

Organizing Forum

The Organizing Forum takes place August 15-16, 2017 and will require a separate registration. Please look for the call letter in the near future. For questions and concerns contact Roxanne Dubois at roxanne.dubois@unifor.org | 1-800-268-5763 ext. 8444.

Registering for the Organizing Forum or any Industry Council DOES NOT register you for Canadian Council.

Submitting a Resolution

All resolutions must be received by the National Secretary-Treasurer's office no later than 5:00 p.m. (eastern standard time) on Friday, July 14, 2017.

Resolutions may be submitted by one of the following ways:

1. Email to: treasurer@unifor.org
2. Fax to: 416-495-3787
3. Mail to: Unifor National Office
Attention: National Secretary-Treasurer's Office
205 Placer Court
Toronto, ON M2H 3H9

Resolution Guidelines

All resolutions must be first approved by the local union membership and must be indicated as such upon remittance.

All resolutions must clearly indicate who is submitting the resolution.

All resolutions must be signed by the Local Union President.



Child Care Registration

Child care will be provided during business hours of the Canadian Council at the RBC Convention Centre.

Included with this package, you will find the Unifor Child Care Registration Form. The form must be completed and returned no later than Friday, July 14, 2017.

Please submit your form one of the following ways:

1. Mail to: Unifor Family Education Centre
Attn: Laurie Wright
115 Shipley Ave.
Port Elgin, ON N0H 2C0
2. Email to: fecchildcare@unifor.org
3. Fax to: 519-389-3544

Shuttle Services

There will be shuttle buses running from the RBC Convention Centre to the hotels various hotels and back.

Bus schedule details will be available in your delegate kits as well as in the lobbies of the respective hotels.

Agenda

Wednesday, August 16

Industry Council Meetings - Executive Board Elections

Thursday, August 17

New Delegate Orientation 5:30 p.m. in the Presentation Theatre

Industry Council Meetings - Executive Board Elections

Standing Committee Meetings

Resolution Committee Meeting

Friday, August 18

LGBTQ Caucus Breakfast

Council Session Commences at 9:00 a.m.

Women's Caucus Lunch

Young Workers Caucus at Adjournment

Canadian Council Reception - Canadian Museum for Human Rights

Saturday, August 19

Workers with disABILITY Caucus Breakfast

Council Session Resumes at 9:00 a.m.

Solidarity Action at lunch

Aboriginal Workers and Workers of Colour Caucus at Adjournment

Sunday, August 20

Council Session Resumes at 9:30 a.m.

Council Adjourns by 12:00 p.m.

Please note: All equity caucuses are for individuals that self identify with the equity seeking group, with the exception of LGBTQ caucus which is open to allies. The self-identification form is available online for those individuals that wish to register for an equity seeking caucus directly at www.unifor.org/CanadianCouncil



Travel Discounts to get you to Winnipeg

Air Canada

Air Canada has offered savings to our delegates who will be traveling by air. If you wish to take advantage of these savings, please contact Air Canada at 1-888-247-2262 (in Canada), TTY 1-800-361-8071 (hearing impaired) or online at aircanada.ca. In all cases, please quote promotional code **RHQXR2F1**.

Via Rail

Via Rail has offered 5% off the best available fare in Economy, Economy Plus, Business, Business Plus and Sleeper Class. If you wish to take advantage of these savings, please contact VIA Rail at 1-888-842-7245 (in Canada), TTY 1-800-268-9503 (hearing impaired) or online at viarail.ca. In all cases, please quote promotional code **811133**.

Hotel Accommodations

Unifor has reserved blocks of rooms until July 12, 2017 at the following accessible hotels in Winnipeg:

[The Fort Garry](#)

222 Broadway
1-800-665-8088 | 204-942-8251

Email reservation requests to:
reservations@fortgarryhotel.com

Code: 10U47X
(Members of Unifor Local 4209)

[Radisson Hotel Winnipeg Downtown](#)

288 Portage Avenue
1-800-339-5238

Code: Unifor Canadian Council
(Members of Unifor Local 4209)

[Holiday Inn & Suites Winnipeg Downtown](#)

360 Colony Street
1-866-826-4457

Code: Unifor
(Members of Members of UFCW Local 832)

[Fairmont Winnipeg](#)

2 Lombard Place
1-800-441-1414
Code: Unifor Canadian Council
(Members of UFCW Local 832)

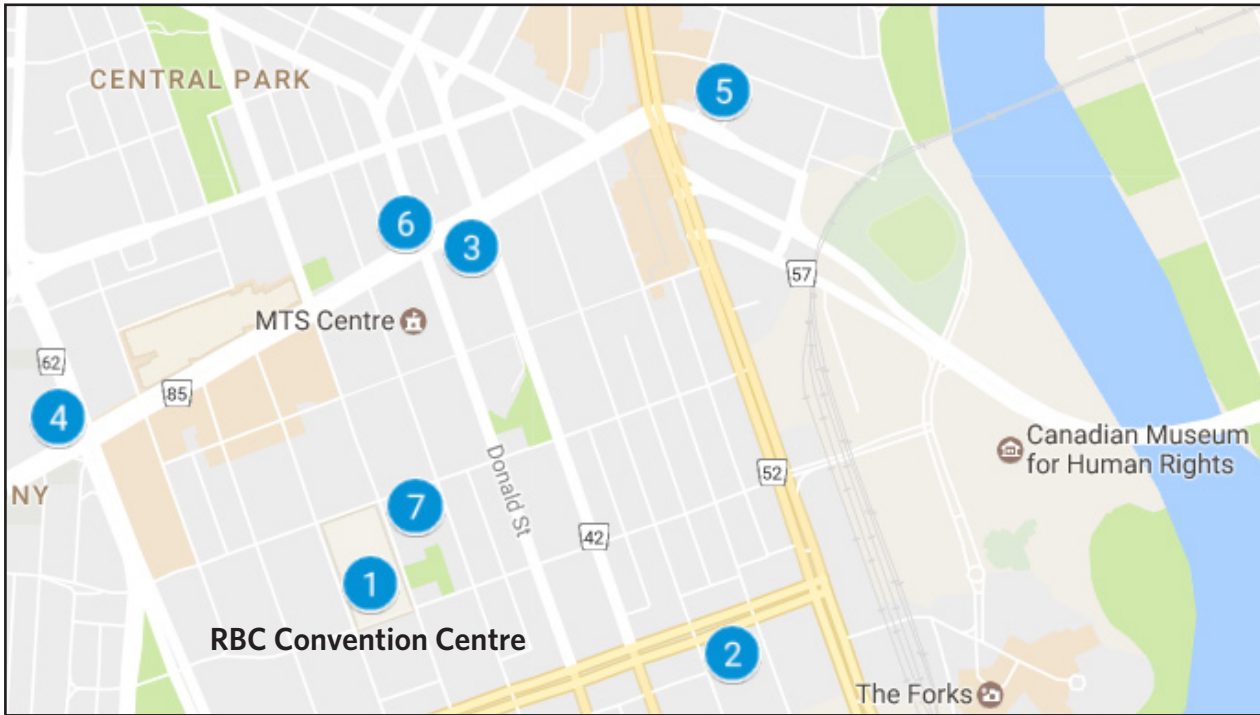
[Alt Hotel](#)

310 Donald Street
1-844-946-6258
Code: Unifor
Direct booking link: <https://bookings.ihotelier.com/ALT-HOTEL-WINNIPEG/bookings.jsp?groupID=1684694&hotelID=97435>
(Members of Teamsters Local 979)

[Delta Hotel](#)

350 St Mary Avenue
1-888-311-4990
Code: UC1
(Non unionized - please reserve at the unionized hotels as priority)

Hotel Map



- 1 RBC Convention Centre**
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- 2 The Fort Garry Hotel**
9 minute walk from the Convention Centre
- 3 Radisson Hotel Winnipeg Downtown**
10 minute walk from the Convention Centre
- 4 Holiday Inn & Suites Winnipeg Downtown**
10 minute walk from the Convention Centre
- 5 Fairmont Winnipeg**
17 minute walk from the Convention Centre
- 6 Alt Hotel**
11 minute walk from the Convention Centre
- 7 Delta Hotel**
3 minute walk from the Convention Centre



Hotel Dos & Don'ts

DO

- Allow staff access to clean your room daily;
- Learn names/engage with staff assisting you. Talk to them about your union job;
- Respect non-conference hotel guests. They are community feedback of our union;
- Tip housekeeping guideline is \$2/bed/day. Tipping ensures that the person who cleaned your room gets tipped. Check-out tipping doesn't necessarily go to the person who cleaned your room during your stay;
- Keep floors clear from bags and debris so housekeepers can vacuum and change bedding;
- Utilize on-site food and beverage outlets and services as they supply employment to staff and generate income for employees;
- Sort garbage into appropriately provided bins;
- Food and beverage tipping is standardized at 15-20%;
- Request fresh towels everyday;
- Tip the Bellman/Concierge if they perform a task for you (carry or store luggage, call cab, make reservations, etc.);
- Fill out comment cards and surveys for staff and give recognition to your union sisters and brothers who are working; and
- Be an ambassador at all times! Remember that you are the face of the union.

DON'T

- Leave a big mess in your room, but if you do, tip accordingly;
- Book with secondary booking sites, as it reduces jobs and revenues at the hotels - book directly with the hotel;
- Dispose improperly of any sharp or hazardous materials into room garbage (broken glass, needles, etc). Call housekeeping for assistance to prevent injuries;
- Expect piping hot food through Room Service - food travels a long way before it reaches your room;
- Dine in outlets just before close. Be aware of hours and operations;
- Throw room parties or be loud in your room for other guests to hear;
- Raise your voice at staff or use inappropriate language; and
- Participate in the green program as it reduces hours for the workers.

In solidarity,

Hospitality & Gaming
Council Executives