

February 19, 2026

To: Local Union Presidents, Recording Secretaries and Unit Chairpersons

Unifor National EI/CPP Conference

June 18 - 21, 2026

Unifor Family Education Centre, Port Elgin, Ontario

Greetings,

The annual EI/CPP Conference will take place at the Unifor Family Education Centre located at 115 Shipley Avenue in Port Elgin, Ontario. The conference will commence at 7:00 p.m. ET with a plenary session followed by a social in Union Station. The conference will adjourn no later than 11:00 a.m. ET on Sunday, June 21.

This conference provides an opportunity for locals to learn vital information to assist the membership. All locals are strongly encouraged to send participants.

During this conference, participants will learn about EI rules, policies, and practices directly from Service Canada Representatives while gaining practical tools to help EI work for you, Unifor members, and your community. Participants will also expand their understanding of [Unifor's campaign: Fix Employment Insurance](#) and why EI reform should be at the political forefront.

EI for Unifor members

- How do members apply for EI and what are EI special benefits?
- How can I appeal an EI decision?
- What is an ROE and how do I read it?
- What are the recent changes to EI?

A key feature of this year's conference will be an update on the new EI Board of Appeal, including discussion on the transition from the current Social Security Tribunal (SST) to the new appeal structure. We have also invited Jody Brennan, Executive Head of the Board of Appeal to attend the conference and participate in discussions with participants.

The conference will include a workshop focused on workers' mental health and income security, highlighting the impacts of job loss and financial stress and how these pressures affect workers' overall well being and where workers and representatives can access supports and resources.

Are you planning to retire?

Get a better understanding of Canada's Pension Plan/Quebec Pension Plan system and the enhancements to these benefits. This conference provides the perfect opportunity to understand how CPP/QPP works and what your retirement pension will look like and why.

CPP/QPP for Unifor Retirees

- How does a divorce affect your CPP/QPP?
- What is the impact from retiring at age 60 or age 70?
- How does CPP disability change at age 65?
- How does the new Enhanced CPP/QPP affect me?

Do not miss this year's EI/ CPP Conference!

This is a bilingual conference including the workshops. Simultaneous translation will be available in both English and French.

Please submit your registrations early to secure your spot!

If you have any questions about registrations, workshops, or logistics, please email nasra.mussa@unifor.org.

The registration deadline is April 17, 2026.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at this important event!

In solidarity,



Lisa Contini
National Representative
Pensions & Benefits Department

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cc: Leadership, National Executive Board, National Representatives,
Port Elgin Childcare – Laurie Wright

Unifor Conference Registration & Details

Getting registered for this conference is a two-part process and both need to be completed.

Online Registration

The registration for this conference will be online by visiting <https://register1.unifor.org/>

Local Presidents have been sent the 2026 local online usernames and passwords. If you have trouble getting registered, please email registration@unifor.org.

The registration deadline is April 17, 2026.

Unifor Family Education Reservation Form

To attend this conference you must complete the [Unifor Family Education Reservation form](#) and return it to confcentre@unifor.org.

Accommodations on-site will be handled on a first come first served basis. Double occupancy is encouraged. To participate in the conference, you must have accommodations made at/by the Centre. If the Centre is fully booked, the Centre staff will advise you (or your local) and will make a reservation off-site at a nearby hotel and notify you with the pertinent reservation information.

Room check-in begins at 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2026.

If you are arriving outside of the above noted hours, please ring the buzzer and maintenance will provide you with your accommodation key.

Check-out is at 10:00 a.m. on the date of your departure.

Accommodation Fees

This Unifor Family Education Centre Reservation form must be fully completed and sent along with the accommodation fee no later than **April 17, 2026**. Completed forms should be sent by email to confcentre@unifor.org or by mail to:

Unifor Family Education Centre
115 Shipley Avenue
Port Elgin, ON N0H 2C5
Re: EI/ CPP Conference

Room and board fees for the Conference (accommodation & meals) are as follows (based on 3 nights' accommodations):

Shared Room (with another delegate)	\$795.00 per delegate
Single Room (one person in room)	\$1,020.00 per delegate
Single Room with partner	\$1,245.00 per pair
Children 5 to 11 years	\$150.00 per child
Children 1 to 4 years	\$60.00 per child
Children under 1	no charge

Note: If family member(s) are being paid for **by the individual** and not by the local, the local pays the 'single occupancy' rate and the following rates apply (including taxes):

Spouse	\$254.25
Children ages 5 to 11 years	\$169.50
Children ages 1 to 4 years	\$67.80

Please note: Double occupancy units are also equipped with a separate study room which includes a single fold-out 'Murphy bed' for those wishing additional privacy.

If your delegate wishes to share a room, please ensure they note this on their Registration Form. Please indicate if a smoking or accessible room is required.

All outstanding room and board fees, including spouse and children under the age of 12, will be the responsibility of the local union delegate.

Cancellation Policy

Failure to notify the Centre (by email) of room cancellations 48 hours prior to the event will result in one night charge to the final bill. Notices of cancellation can be emailed to confcentre@unifor.org.

Conference Fee

There is a \$60 conference fee to cover conference materials, etc. Each delegate must pay \$60 by a separate cheque made payable to:

Unifor Family Education Centre
115 Shipley Avenue
Port Elgin ON N0H 2C5
Re: EI/CPP Conference fee

Workshop Selection

Please complete the workshop selection form included with the call letter and send by email to nasra.mussa@unifor.org by April 17, 2026.

Child Care

Child Care is available and included for this conference for children ages 0 – 12 of eligible participants during conference hours only. Please be advised that no youth program will be offered, and the conference and Family Education Centre are unable to accommodate youth during the conference.

An eligible participant is a single parent/guardian, a parent/guardian not accompanied by a spouse/companion or where both parents/guardians are delegates. Participants requiring childcare must pre-register. Include the childcare form with the conference registration form that is returned to the Unifor Family Education Centre.

If you have any questions regarding childcare, please call 1-519-389-3233/1-800-265-3735 ext. 3233 or email fecchildcare@unifor.org.

Payment & Registration Requirements

Include the following:

- Port Elgin Reservation Form
- \$60.00 conference fee. **Each delegate must pay \$60.00 by a separate cheque to cover conference materials, etc. Make the cheque payable to: Unifor Family Education Centre.**
- A separate cheque for accommodation and meals
- Childcare form

Registration Deadline: April 17, 2026

Cold & Flu Self-Assessment

Prior to travelling to Port Elgin, we ask all participants to self-assess for cold and flu symptoms. If you have any symptoms, or are feeling ill, please cancel your attendance by contacting the Front Desk.

Members participating in conferences should undertake daily self-monitoring. If you develop cold or flu symptoms, or start feeling ill, please isolate in your room and contact the Front Desk for further instructions.

On-site Registration

Onsite registration will be available on Thursday, June 18 beginning at 3:00 p.m. Once you have checked in at the front desk, please make your way to the registration table to pick up the items for the conference.

Questions

If you have questions regarding the conference or require additional information, please contact Nasra Mussa by email at nasra.mussa@unifor.org.