

May 26, 2026

TO: Local Union Presidents, Recording Secretaries

Unifor Human Rights Conference July 10 – 12, 2026 “Human Rights, Multiple Identities, Shared Solutions”

Greetings,

We are thrilled to announce the 2026 National Human Rights Conference will take place at the Unifor Family Education Centre in Port Elgin, Ontario.

This year's theme, **Human Rights, Multiple Identities, Shared Solutions**, focuses on the power of worker's diverse backgrounds, identities, and experiences while we continue to fight for our rights.

This year, participants will experience storytelling, workshops, and skill building from expert guest speakers and advocates alike. Each member who attends will leave with new skills, and tools to take back to their locals. More importantly, each participant will leave with new friends, bravery, and determination to fight for what is right for all of us.

The Human Rights Conference begins Friday, July 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. and will adjourn no later than 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 12, 2026.

Check-in begins at 3:00 p.m. on Friday with the on-site registration open from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

We anticipate this conference will fill up quickly, so locals must register online and submit reservation forms early to avoid disappointment.

To register for the conference, you must complete the online registration process by visiting: <https://register1.unifor.org/> AND you must complete and submit the reservation form for the Unifor Family Education Centre.

For updated information and copies of all the required forms, visit the [Human Rights Conference Event Page](#).

Please contact the Human Rights Department at humanrights@unifor.org if you require additional information.

We are looking forward to a fantastic conference.

In solidarity,

Tricia Wilson
Director, Equity and Racial Justice

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cc: Leadership

**The opening plenary will be at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, July 10, 2026.
A full agenda will be provided upon registration at the conference.
Registration Deadline: Friday, June 19, 2026.**

CONFERENCE DETAILS

Registration

Registration for the Human Rights Conference will be online. Locals can register their participants by visiting: <https://register1.unifor.org/>. By now, Local Union Presidents have received their 2026 online username and password. If you are unable to find your registration information, please email registration@unifor.org and it will be resent. The registration deadline is **Friday, June 19, 2026**.

You must register for this conference through the online registration process AND submit your reservation forms to Port Elgin.

Reservation

The [Family Education Reservation Form](#) must be completed and sent to the Unifor Family Education Centre directly to secure your accommodation no later than Friday, June 19, 2026.

You must reserve your accommodations at the Unifor Family Education Centre by submitting your form to confcentre@unifor.org.

Conference Registration Fee:

Payment of \$80.00 is required for the conference kit materials (by separate cheque made payable to the Unifor Family Education Centre).

Accommodation Fees:

All rates quoted are based on two (2) nights accommodation, beginning with dinner on Friday and up to and including a bagged lunch on Sunday.

Shared Room with another Delegate	\$530.00
Single Room (Only available to families)	\$680.00
Children (5-12)	\$100.00
Children (1-4)	\$ 40.00
Children (under 1)	No Charge

NOTE: Check-in Friday, July 10, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. and check-out is on Sunday, July 12, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Payment Methods:

Cheque – forward two separate cheques to the Unifor Family Education Centre, one for the conference registration fee (\$80.00) and the other for accommodation costs.

Cheques are to be made payable to the Unifor Family Education Centre and mailed with the reservation forms directly to the Unifor Family Education Centre, 115 Shipley Ave., Port Elgin, ON N0H 2C5.

Credit Card – record the credit card number and expiry date on the Reservation Form and submit via email to confcentre@unifor.org or by fax to 519-389-3222, or mail in.

First Come, First Served Basis:

Registration and accommodations for the conference will be managed on a first come, first served basis. To participate in the conference, delegates must secure accommodations through the front desk at the Centre. If the Centre is fully booked, you will be advised and your accommodations will be made for you off-site based on availability. Please note that if off-site accommodations are needed (due to space restrictions), they will be arranged by the Port Elgin staff. Delegates required to stay off-site will still be required to check in with the Front Desk at the Unifor Family Education Centre upon arrival.

Cancellations:

Cancellations must be made in writing 48 hours prior to 3:00 p.m. on July 9, 2026, and can be emailed to confcentre@unifor.org or faxed to 519-389-3222. Failure to cancel within the 48-hours will result in a billing for the first nights' accommodation costs.

Child Care:

Child care is available for children 0-12 years of age, for the children of eligible delegates during the conference hours only – if numbers permit. To ensure a spot in the program, please submit your child care form no later than Friday, June 19, 2026.

Child care does not allow for grandchildren, godchildren, nieces, nephews or friends, etc. Completed child care forms must be emailed to fecchildcare@unifor.org.

Travel:

A shuttle has been arranged from the Delta Hotels by Marriott Toronto Airport (655 Dixon Road) and from Toronto Pearson Airport, Terminal 1, Ground Level, to Port Elgin. Pick-up times are listed below. Space is limited, please complete the attached link by Friday, June 19, 2026, [SHUTTLE RESERVATION FORM](#), to reserve your space.

Friday July 10, 2026	12:30pm EDT	Driverseat Shuttle Pick-up at Delta Hotel
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Friday July 10, 2026	12:30pm EDT	Driverseat Shuttle Pick-up at Terminal One
Sunday July 12, 2026	12:30pm EDT	Driverseat Shuttle Pick-up at Port Elgin

Accessibility:

Unifor seeks to make all union meetings and events accessible and barrier free. If you require accommodation for a human right related need (Visual, Hearing, Mobility, Endurance, Assistance) 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. Please email requests to humanrights@unifor.org.

Health and Wellness Policy

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. If you start to feel sick while at the Family Education Centre, please notify the front desk immediately, remain in your room and arrangements will be made for you to return home.

Summary of Deadlines:

Please make note of the important deadlines for the upcoming Human Rights Conference.

Friday, June 19, 2026	On-Line Registration Form must be completed.
Friday, June 19, 2026	Reservation Forms must be submitted to Family Education Centre
Friday, June 19, 2026	Child Care Reservation Form must be submitted to fecchildcare@unifor.org
Friday, June 19, 2026	Shuttle Reservation Form must be submitted to humanrights@unifor.org