



UNIFOR

Atlantic Regional Council 2026



Greetings;

The 2026 Atlantic Regional Council (ARC) will be held at the Saint John Trade and Convention Centre, Saint John, NB, from June 5 to 7, 2026. Please ensure delegates are prepared to stay until adjournment on Sunday, June 7 at 12:00 p.m.

Our jobs, our communities, and our very livelihoods are under threat - but Unifor members are standing strong because we are all worth fighting for!

Whether at the bargaining table, on the picket line, or at rallies, Unifor is fighting for the future and for the Atlantic Region as we continue to hold employers and politicians accountable. Unifor members and leaders across the Atlantic region are helping lead the charge to Protect Canadian Jobs.

In accordance with Unifor's Constitution and the ARC Bylaws, elections will be held to fill all positions on the Executive and Standing Committees.

There is no registration fee, but advanced registration is required through [Unifor's online registration system](#).

Important Deadlines

Registration Deadline - Friday, May 1

Resolution Submission Deadline - Wednesday, May 20

We look forward to seeing you in Saint John, New Brunswick!

In solidarity,



Morgan Palmer
Atlantic Regional Council Chairperson



Jennifer Murray
Atlantic Regional Director

REGISTRATION

Registration is online; <https://register1.unifor.org>. **The registration deadline is Friday, May 1, 2026.**

Your Local's registration information has been sent via email to the Local President. Local Delegate Entitlements will follow in a separate email.

To register your delegation, select one of the following events:

1. ARC Presidents' Meeting Thursday, June 4, 2026 (9:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.)
2. Atlantic Regional Council June 5 - 7, 2026

To register for multiple events, please log out and log back in to select the next event on the home screen.

Locals are encouraged to register a full delegation along with Special Delegates (keeping in mind our equity-seeking groups) and observers for this year's ARC. When registering your delegation online, you must put in a unique email for each participant. Once registered, the system generates an email directly to the participant to self-identify and register for the equity caucuses. All equity caucuses are for members who self-identify with an equity-seeking group.

Important Notes!

Members wishing to run for positions on Atlantic Regional Council Executive or non-equity Standing Committees must be registered as Delegates within their Local's delegation.

If you require a change to your Local's registration or you experience any difficulties with your registration, please send an email to registration@unifor.org.

LOCAL DELEGATE ENTITLEMENTS

Unifor Constitution Article 10.6

Single Unit Locals

Local unions with:

- 1 to 250 members - 1 delegate*
- 251 to 500 members - 2 delegates*
- 501 to 750 members - 3 delegates*
- 751 to 1,000 members - 4 delegates*
- 1,001 to 1,250 members - 5 delegates*
- Plus one additional delegate for each additional 250 members.*

Amalgamated Local Unions or Subordinate Bodies

Each bargaining unit with 250 members or more of an amalgamated Local Union shall have delegate entitlement based on the following:

- 250 to 500 members - 1 delegate*
- 501 to 750 members - 2 delegates*
- 751 to 1,000 members - 3 delegates*
- 1,001 to 1,250 members - 4 delegates*
- Add one additional delegate for each additional 250 members*

SPECIAL DELEGATES

Unifor Constitution - Article 10.9

The Councils may also consider the inclusion of alternate delegates and/or special delegates. Special delegates, with voice and no vote, may include a Local Union President or Chairperson of a bargaining unit. They may also include representatives of designated equity groups who would participate in the Council's Standing Committees.

ELECTIONS

In accordance with Council bylaws, following a Constitutional Convention, ARC must elect all positions for the next 3-year term. Positions to be filled as follows:

- Chairperson (1)
- Vice Chairperson (1)
- Secretary-Treasurer (1)
- Member-at-Large (7)
- Health, Safety and Environment Standing Committee (3)
- Political Action Standing Committee (3)
- EFAP Standing Committee (3)

Equity Standing Committees:

- BIWOC Standing Committee (3)
- LGBTQ Standing Committee (3)
- Women's Standing Committee (3)
- Workers with DisAbilities Standing Committee (3)
- Young Workers Standing Committee (3)

Atlantic Regional Council Bylaws - Article 3.11

All members of the Executive Committee shall be regularly elected delegates to the Atlantic Regional Council.

Candidates should confirm local support by filling out the Confirmation of Support for Elections form found on the [event webpage](#).



RESOLUTIONS

Bylaw Amendments

Please note that in accordance with ARC bylaws Article 9: Amendments:

The bylaws of the Regional Council may be amended by a 2/3 majority vote to approve a resolution of a local union or a recommendation of the Executive Committee provided that all local unions have been given 30 days notice of a resolution or recommendation to amend the bylaws.

In order to comply with Article 9, any resolutions pertaining to **bylaw amendments must be submitted no later than April 24, 2026**. Bylaw Amendment proposals may be submitted via email to laura.vickery@unifor.org. Locals would then be given notice no later than May 5, 2026.

General Resolutions

General resolutions to be considered by the Atlantic Regional Council must be received no less than 15 days prior to the opening of Council.

The general resolution deadline is May 20, 2026. We encourage you to send your resolutions prior to this date via email to laura.vickery@unifor.org.

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Please refer to the sample resolution for a clear language explanation of how to compose your resolution.

Tips for making resolutions clear for everyone to understand:

- Cover only one main issue per resolution.
- Use sentences that are clear, direct and short.
- Use words that your readers will easily understand – avoid jargon, abbreviations and acronyms.
- Be specific. Explain what you want to see happen: What you want to change, how you want it done, who you want to do it, and when you want it to happen.



Sample Resolution



Atlantic Regional Council Sample Resolution

Unifor Atlantic Regional Council Will:

1. Encourage all Atlantic locals to use the recommended format for resolutions;
and
2. Encourage all Atlantic locals to keep resolutions at 200 words or fewer

Because:

- The resolutions committee need proper signatures to know the resolution comes from a local and has been approved; and
- Using simple words like “will” and “because” helps delegates understand the resolution, especially new delegates.

Submitted by Unifor local _____

Jane Smith, President

John Smith, Recording Secretary

Approved at general membership meeting on _____

EQUITY CAUCUSES

In an effort to ensure that members of equity-seeking groups are able to focus on the important work of their caucuses and participate in any and all caucuses, as applicable to them. A schedule of caucuses is as follows:

Friday, June 5

Women's Caucus - Lunch

Workers with DisAbilities Caucus - upon adjournment

2SLGBTQIA+ Caucus - upon adjournment

Saturday, June 6

BIWOC Caucus - Breakfast

Young Workers Caucus- Lunch

Depending on timing, meals or light refreshments may be provided. Please note that Equity Caucuses will be open to those who self-identify only. Allies will not be invited to attend.

NOTE: Equity Standing Committee positions will be filled by peer election during their designated equity caucus meeting. Elections happening on the floor of Council will take place Saturday, June 6.



TENTATIVE AGENDA

Thursday, June 4, 2026

- Presidents' Meeting
- Forestry Sector Meeting
- Road Transport Council Meeting
- ARC Registration begins at 12:00 p.m.

Friday, June 5, 2026

- ARC Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.
- Call to Order at 9:00 a.m.
- Atlantic Regional Director's Report
- Atlantic Regional Council Chairperson's Report
- Debate on Recommendations and Resolutions
- Nominations
- Atlantic Regional Council Standing Committee Presentations
- Guest Speaker(s)
- Evening Social Event

Saturday, June 6, 2026

- ARC Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.
- Call to Order at 9:00 a.m.
- Atlantic Regional Council Secretary-Treasurer's Financial Report
- Elections
- Debate on Resolutions and Recommendations
- Atlantic Regional Council Standing Committee Presentations
- Guest Speaker(s)

Sunday, June 7, 2026

- Call to Order at 9:00 a.m.
- Debate on Resolutions and Recommendations
- Atlantic Regional Council Standing Committee Presentations
- Guest Speaker(s)
- Adjournment at 12:00 p.m.

Registration and changes to delegate status will be closed at least one hour prior to voting.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND TRAVEL

Hotel

A block of rooms has been reserved at:

Saint John Harbourfront Hotel

1 Market Square, Saint John, NB

A rate of \$179 per night for a Standard Room, single or double occupancy.

Please make your reservations under the **Unifor ARC** block.

[Book your group rate for Unifor 2026 Atlantic Regional Council online.](#)

The cut-off date to reserve in the block is Saturday, May 2, 2026.

Travel

Air Canada Discount

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.com. In all cases, please quote promotional code **G9DG6Y31**.

Accessibility

Unifor seeks to make all union meetings and events accessible and barrier free. If you require accommodation for a human rights 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

laura.vickery@unifor.org.

Child Care

Child care will be provided during business hours of the ARC. Included with this package, you will find the Unifor Child Care Registration Form. **The form must be completed and returned no later than Friday, May 1, 2026.**

Please complete the child care registration form attached and send to the attention of Laurie Wright at the Unifor Education Centre by fax: (519) 389-3544 or email fecchildcare@unifor.org.



SUMMARY OF DEADLINES

Please make note of important deadlines for this upcoming ARC:

- Bylaw Amendment Proposals Deadline - April 24, 2026
- Child Care Registration Deadline - May 1, 2026
- Event Registration Deadline - May 1, 2026
- Saint John Harbourfront Hotel Accommodations Deadline - May 2, 2026
- General Resolutions Deadline - May 20, 2026



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