

**June 22, 2023**

TO: BC Region Local Union Presidents, BC Region Local Recording Secretaries, BC Regional Women's Committee, BC Region Women's Advocates

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## BC REGIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

October 23rd – 25th, 2023

Hyatt Regency Vancouver

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Sisters,

We are pleased to announce that our BC Regional Women's Conference will take place at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver (655 Burrard Street, Vancouver, BC) commencing Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm and concluding on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00pm.

Locals are encouraged to send delegates from equity-deserving groups including trans women and two-spirit members, queer women, Black, Indigenous and women of colour, women living with disAbilities, and young workers. This conference welcomes all our sisters, not just our cis-ters!

The BC Regional Women's Conference is a regional conference that allows participants to come together, build skills, exchange knowledge and strategize for the future while focusing on the region. **This conference is for BC locals only.** Alternating regional and national women's conferences meets the Regional Council Women's Committees' recommendation which was endorsed by the National Executive Board. **The next national women's conference will be in the fall of 2024 at the Unifor Family Education Centre in Port Elgin, Ontario.**

Conference delegates will have the opportunity to hear about some of the tremendous work being done within our union and your communities in the struggle for gender equality. Through participation in skills-building workshops and conversations hosted by local activists and leaders,

delegates will gain knowledge and build relationships they can bring back to their local union and to advocate for equity.

As always, this conference fills up quickly. Please submit your registrations early to avoid disappointment. **The registration deadline is September 15th, 2023.**

The conference begins at 7:00 p.m. Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 and ends at 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Registration takes place on Monday from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

## Registration

[You can register your local participants via our online form.](#)

## Reservations

Unifor has negotiated a special rate and reserved a block of rooms at the Hyatt Regency Vancouver (655 Burrard Street, Vancouver). When making your reservation, please keep in mind that Unifor has to secure this space in advance and may be financially responsible if the block commitments are not met.

[You can book your special rate directly with the Hyatt Regency Vancouver here.](#)

If you would prefer to contact the hotel reservations department, please call 1-604-683-1234 and quote the group block – **Unifor BC Women’s Conference**. The room block closes on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## Travel

Air Canada has offered savings to our delegates travelling 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 or online at [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca). In all cases, please quote promotional code: KFX7X2X1

## Payments

A payment of \$50.00 is required for the conference kit materials. Cheques can be made payable to Unifor and sent to the following:

Unifor National Office  
Attention: Catarina Cunha Xhuli, Women’s Department  
115 Gordon Baker Road  
Toronto, ON M2H 0A8

**Please send your cheques in advance of the conference, clearly indicating the local union and the number of delegates attending to ensure that the required material is available to all**

**participants.**

## **Childcare**

Free child care is available for children 0 – 12 years of age, of eligible delegates during the conference hours only, if numbers permit. Delegates will be eligible for child care providing they are a single parent, or a parent not accompanied by a spouse or companion. Where both parents are registered delegates, they will also qualify for child care. Child care registration forms are enclosed. Please make your child care reservations as early as possible.

**Delegates requiring child care must pre-register no later than September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

Include the attached child care form with the conference registration form that is returned to the Unifor Family Education Centre. Child Care may be cancelled if there are an insufficient number of children registered by the deadline. If you have any questions regarding child care, please call 1-519-389-3233 or email [fecchildcare@unifor.org](mailto:fecchildcare@unifor.org).

## **Meals**

The following meals are included in the conference:

Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>: Welcome Reception

Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>: coffee, lunch

Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>: coffee, AM snack

**If any participants require special meal requirements or have any dietary concerns (food allergies), please advise us in advance of your arrival.**

## **Covid-19 Protocols**

Our union strives to maintain safety guidelines and standards in an attempt to protect the health and safety of our members and our staff, including the most vulnerable among us.

Our event is a vaccine-friendly environment and full vaccination is strongly encouraged for all participants attending the BC Regional Women's Conference.

## **Accessibility**

Unifor seeks to make all union meetings and events accessible and barrier free. If you require accommodations for human rights related needs, we invite you to provide us with your relevant information so we can take all reasonable steps to address any barriers to your participation in your Union. Please email requests to [Catarina.xhuli@unifor.org](mailto:Catarina.xhuli@unifor.org).

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tracey Ramsey".

Tracey Ramsey  
Director, Women's Department  
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cc: National Officers, Executive Assistants, Assistants to the National Officers and Senior Directors, National Executive Board, National Representatives, National Coordinators, Laurie Wright

Attached: Child Care Registration Form, Medical or Religious Meal Request, Unifor Event Self-Screening Questions