

Unifor Canadian Council

August 28-30, 2026

Rogers Centre - Ottawa, Ontario

**CANADIAN COUNCIL
CONSEIL CANADIEN**



CC2026



A Message from the National Officers

Unifor's 2026 Canadian Council will take place in Canada's capital city, Ottawa, Ontario, August 28-30, 2026.

Our union is a force to *Protect Canadian Jobs* for all members and working people in Canada. Unifor continues to celebrate the wins as we organize workers and fight to secure collective bargaining gains during these uncertain economic times impacted by tariffs and uncertainty.

We hope you will join us as we chart the course for our union in the upcoming year and help shape our next National Bargaining Program. All Unifor local unions are encouraged to participate in the upcoming Canadian Council.

Canadian Council will be held August 28-30, 2026, at the Rogers Centre Ottawa, 55 Colonel By Drive, Ottawa, ON. The Council will convene on Friday, August 28 at 9:00 a.m. and will adjourn by 12:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 30. The Council will take place in Canada Hall 2 & 3 on the third level of the convention centre.

There is no registration fee for the Canadian Council. Registration is required in advance through our online registration system. Local delegate entitlements will follow the call letter and be sent directly to Local Presidents. If your local requires assistance with registration or needs the password resent, please email registration@unifor.org.

Unifor is dedicated to building an equitable environment and union for all. To help build a culture of belonging for all members, we encourage every local to support equity within their delegations.

We look forward to welcoming Unifor local unions and delegates to Ottawa.

In solidarity,



Lana Payne
National President



Len Poirier
National Secretary-Treasurer



Daniel Cloutier
Québec Director

Registration

Delegates to Canadian Council

Delegates to Canadian Council are outlined in Article 9 - Canadian Council in Unifor's Constitution. Local delegate entitlements will be sent to Local Presidents in a separate email. If you would like a breakdown of your delegate entitlement please email registration@unifor.org.

Article 9.8

Delegate entitlement and voting strength shall be based on the average national dues payments received by the National Union during the calendar year period prior to Canadian Council, excluding any period in which national dues payments have been interrupted by a labour dispute.

- 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

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

All Additional Delegate requests must be received by Friday, July 31, 2026.

To apply for an Additional Equity Delegate, please email registration@unifor.org.

Article 9.9

Delegates to Canadian Council shall be elected by secret ballot with a minimum of 15 days' notice to all members of nominations and elections. Candidates with the most votes will be elected, unless the By-Laws of the Local Union stipulates otherwise.

Article 9.10

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

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

Observers from local unions may attend, subject to cost and space limitations. Local unions may register observers in advance through the online registration system.

Online Registration

Registration for Canadian Council is available online only. Delegate entitlements will be sent directly to the Local Presidents in a separate email.

To register please visit: <https://register1.unifor.org/>

If your local chooses to register an additional delegate representing an equity seeking group, you do not need to register them through the online registration system. This will be done automatically once they are approved. To request an equity delegate, please email registration@unifor.org.

If you require assistance with registration please email registration@unifor.org.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2026.

On-site Check-in at the Rogers Centre Ottawa

On-site check-in will take place at the Rogers Centre Ottawa during the following days and hours:

- Thursday, August 27 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, August 28 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 29 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, August 30 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Accessibility

Unifor is committed to equal participation and will take every reasonable step to address human-rights related needs requiring accommodation.

Please email all accessibility requests to registration@unifor.org.



Industry Council Meetings

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

The Industry Council meetings will take place on Wednesday, August 26 and/or Thursday, August 27.

PLEASE NOTE: Registering for your Industry Council meeting DOES NOT register you for Canadian Council.

Industry Council Representation on the National Executive Board

Industry Council Representatives to the NEB are elected for a three-year term at Canadian Council in the year following a Constitutional Convention.

Article 7.19 to 7.23 as modified at Unifor's Constitutional Convention in Vancouver, outlines the new requirements to determine the Industry Council Representatives and Additional Industry Council Representatives on the NEB. The new requirements resemble the current Industry Council representation: 11 voting members and additional members with voice and no vote.



Summary Agenda

Wednesday, August 26

- Industry Council Meetings

Thursday, August 27

- Industry Council Meetings
- Standing Committee Meetings
- Québec Caucus
- Francophonie Forum

Friday, August 28

- Canadian Council Day 1
- Women's Caucus
- Young Workers' Caucus

Saturday, August 29

- Canadian Council Day 2
- 2SLGBTQIA+ Caucus
- Workers with DisAbilities Caucus
- BIWOC Caucus
- Canadian Council Reception

Sunday, August 30

- Canadian Council Day 3 (adjourn by noon)

Francophonie Forum

The optional Francophonie Forum is open to francophones and francophiles from all regions. The Forum will take place on Thursday, August 27 at 6:00 p.m. The Forum seeks to build solidarity among members across Canada. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Canadian Council Resolutions

Submitting a Resolution

Resolutions to Canadian Council must be received by the National Secretary-Treasurer's office 30 days prior to the call to order. Any resolutions received after the deadline will be referred to the Resolutions Committee for their consideration.

Resolution must be approved by the members at a membership meeting, include the date of the meeting when it was approved, and be signed by a local union officer.

Please email all resolutions to: treasurer@unifor.org.

The deadline to submit resolutions is **Wednesday, July 29, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. ET.**

Sample Clear Language Format Resolution



Sample Canadian Council Resolution

UNIFOR NATIONAL WILL:

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

BECAUSE:

- Canadian Council runs smoother when resolutions are worded and laid out correctly; and
- The Resolutions Committee needs proper signatures to know the resolution comes from a chartered local and has been approved by its membership; and
- Unifor has to translate, print and process many resolutions.

Submitted by Unifor Local: _____

Jane Smith, President

John Smith, Recording Secretary

Date of Membership Meeting: _____

Travel

Discount Codes

Savings have been offered to our delegates from a number of participating travel providers. If you wish to take advantage, please indicate the corresponding promotional codes referenced below when making your booking reservation.

Air Canada

Toll Free: 1-888-247-2262

TTY: 1-800-361-8071

Online: www.aircanada.ca

Promotional Code: WFEZM881

Porter

Toll Free: 1-888-619-8622

TTY: 1-855-542-3707

Online: www.flyporter.com

Promotional Code: UCC26

WestJet

Toll Free: 1-888-937-8538

TTY: 1-877-952-0100

Online: www.westjet.ca

Promotional Code: 5T5D2AV

Please note that the code only applies to fares outside of Basic or Business bookings.

VIA Rail

Toll Free 1-888- 842-7245

TTY 1-800-268-9503

Online: www.viarail.ca

Promotional Code: 16116

10% off the best available fare in economy, economy plus, business, business plus and sleeper class.

Fare applies to a maximum of two passengers per booking.



Hotel Accommodations

When making reservations for your local, please keep in mind that Unifor must secure this space in advance and may be financially responsible if the block commitments are not met. Each hotel room requires a unique name to complete the reservation.

If a local delegate is arriving in Ottawa early or departing outside of the room block link, please call the hotel directly and quote the reference code to secure the discounted rate for participating hotels.

Fairmont Château Laurier


1 Rideau Street

1-613-241-1414

Reservation code: Unifor Canadian Council

Rate: starting at \$339/night

Click [here](#) to book at the Fairmont.

 8 minutes from the Convention Centre

Ottawa Marriott Hotel


100 Kent Street

1-613-238-1122

Reservation code: UGQUGQB

Rate: \$235/night

Click [here](#) to book at the Marriott.

 23 minutes from the Convention Centre

The Westin Ottawa


11 Colonel By Drive

1-613-560-7000

Reservation code: Unifor Canadian Council

Rate: starting at \$249/night

Click [here](#) to book at the Westin

 5 minutes from the Convention Centre

Delta Hotels by Marriott Ottawa City Centre


101 Lyon Street North

1-613-237-3600

Reservation code: Unifor Canadian Council

Rate: starting at \$239/night

Click [here](#) to book at the Delta

 24 minutes from the Convention Centre

Les Suites Hotel Ottawa


130 Besserer Street

1-613-232-2000

Reservation code: 2183

Rate: starting at \$249/night

Click [here](#) to book at Les Suites.

 7 minutes from the Convention Centre

The hotel booking deadline is Friday, July 10, 2026.



Child Care & Shuttle Services

Child Care

Child care will be available and provided during business hours of the Industry Councils, Standing Committee Meetings, and Canadian Council. This will include Equity Caucuses as required. Please indicate via email to fecchildcare@unifor.org if you plan on attending an Equity Caucus and the name.

Included in this package, you will find the Unifor Child Care Registration form. The form must be completed in its entirety and returned no later than Friday, July 31, 2026.

Please submit your form to the Unifor Family Education Child Care via email to: fecchildcare@unifor.org.

If you have any questions regarding child care, you can email fecchildcare@unifor.org or contact the Director of our Child Care services, Laurie Wright, directly by calling 519-389-3233.

Once your registration is submitted and approved, Laurie will contact you directly with additional information and requirements.

Shuttle Services

Shuttle buses will be provided to the Rogers Centre Ottawa from the various hotels and back during Canadian Council. In addition to this, shuttles will be available to participants for the Unifor reception.

Bus schedule details will be available on the Canadian Council website and in the lobbies of the respective hotels.



Summary of Deadlines

Action	Deadline
Hotel Accommodations	July 10
Resolution Submission	July 29
Canadian Council Registrations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canadian Council Local Delegation• Additional Equity Delegate Applications• Observers to Canadian Council	July 31
Child Care Registration	July 31

