

Unifor Canadian Council

September 27-29, 2024

Montréal Convention Centre

**CANADIAN COUNCIL
CONSEIL CANADIEN**



CC2024

A Message from the National Officers

Greetings!

It is with honour and a sense of pride that we are pleased to share this invitation to Unifor's Canadian Council.

Since our last Council, our union has been a vocal force for working people across Canada. From high-profile strikes to significant collective bargaining gains, to historic organizing wins, Unifor activists have gone above and beyond.

To take stock of our progress and to chart the course of our union for the coming year, we encourage all Unifor local unions to participate in the upcoming Canadian Council.

Canadian Council will be held September 27-29, 2024, at the Montreal Convention Centre, 1001 Pl. Jean-Paul-Riopelle, Montréal, QC. The Council will convene on Friday, September 27 at 9:00 a.m. and will adjourn by noon on Sunday, September 29. The Council will take place in 210 B-H on the second level of the Convention Centre.

There is no registration fee for the Canadian Council. Registration is required in advance through our online registration system. Earlier this year, usernames and passwords were sent directly to all Local Presidents. Local delegate entitlements will follow the call letter and be sent directly to Local Presidents. If your local requires assistance with registration, please email registration@unifor.org.

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

We note that the Council will end on the eve of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, which will give us the opportunity to mark the day while we are together for Council.

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

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 Articles 9 Canadian Council Constitution. Local entitlement 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.

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

All Additional Delegate requests must be received prior to the registration deadline of Monday, September 9, 2024.

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 are permitted and must be registered through their Local Union by the deadline.

The deadline to register for Canadian Council is Monday, September 9, 2024.

Online Registration

Registration for Canadian Council is available online only. Local Presidents have received one username and password. 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 equity seeking groups, 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 registering online, please email registration@unifor.org.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024.

Registration at the Montréal Convention Centre

Registration check-in will take place at the Montréal Convention Centre during the following days and hours:

- Thursday, September 26 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, September 27 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, September 28 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Accessibility

Unifor is committed to dismantling barriers that exclude our membership from equal participation in their Union and will take every reasonable step to address any substantiated, human-right related needs requiring accommodation.

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

Industry Councils

If your Industry Council is meeting in Montréal 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, September 25 and/or Thursday, September 26.

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

Summary Agenda

Wednesday, September 25

- Industry Council Meetings

Thursday, September 26

- Industry Council Meetings
- Standing Committee Meetings
- Québec Caucus

Friday, September 27

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

Saturday, September 28

- Canadian Council Day 2
- BIWOC Caucus
- Workers with DisAbilities Caucus
- LGBTQ Caucus
- Canadian Council Reception at the Grand Quay

Sunday, September 29

- Canadian Council Day 3 (adjourn by noon)

Francophonie Forum

The Francophonie Forum brings together, for the first time, Francophone members of Unifor from coast to coast to coast. This Forum will take place in French with simultaneous interpretation and is open francophones and francophoniles from all regions. This forum seeks to build solidarity among members and build a bridge to the Canadian Francophonie! 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, August 28 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

Air Travel Discount Codes

Savings have been offered to our delegates from a number of airlines. If you wish to take advantage of these savings, please follow the instructions below for one of our participating providers:

Air Canada

Toll Free: 1-888-247-2262

TTY: 1-800-361-8071

Online: www.aircanada.ca

Promotional Code: QQBCYND1

WestJet

Toll Free: 1-888-937-8538

TTY: 1-877-952-0100

Online: www.westjet.ca

Promotional Code: 9A6O4UT

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

VIA Rail Discount Code

VIA Rail has offered 5% off the best available fare in economy, economy plus, business, business plus and sleeper class. To take advantage of this savings, please contact VIA Rail at 1-888-842-7245, TTY 1-800-268-9503 or online by using www.viarail.ca. In all cases, please quote promotional code 811133.



Hotel Accommodations

In preparation for the Unifor Canadian Council, Unifor has negotiated special rates and reserved blocks of rooms until Thursday, August 22, 2024, at the accessible Montreal hotels listed below. 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. This year Canadian Council hotels will not allow a group of hotel rooms to be booked by one individual but will require unique names for each room reservation.

InterContinental Montreal

360 Saint-Antoine Street West
1-514-987-9900

Reservation code: Unifor - 2024 Council Meeting

Rate: \$309/night

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

 2 minutes from the Convention Centre

Le Westin Montreal

270 Saint-Antoine Street West
1-514-380-3333

Reservation code: Unifor 2024

Rate: \$299/night

Click [here](#) to book at Le Westin Montreal.

 2 minutes from the Convention Centre


Le Centre Sheraton Montreal

1201 Rene-Levesque Blvd West
1-514-878-2000

Reservation code: Unifor 2024

Rate: \$279/night

Click [here](#) to book at Le Centre Sheraton.

 18 minutes from the Convention Centre


Delta Hotels Marriott

475 President Kennedy Avenue
1-514-286-1986

Reservation code: XXXXX

Rate: \$249/night

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

 13 minutes from the Convention Centre

The hotel booking deadline is Thursday August 22, 2024.



Child Care & Shuttle Services

Child Care

Child Care will be on site at the Montréal Convention Centre and provided during business hours of the Industry Councils, Standing Committee Meetings, and Canadian Council. This will include Equity Caucuses relating to the Canadian Council 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, August 16, 2024.

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

There will be shuttle buses running from the the Montréal Convention Centre to the various hotels and back during the Canadian Council. Shuttles will run each morning beginning at 7:00 a.m. and again in the afternoon starting at 4:30 p.m.

In addition to this, shuttles will be available to participants for the Unifor reception at The Grand Quay.

Bus schedule details will be available at registration and in the lobbies of the respective hotels.



Summary of Deadlines

Action	Deadline
Child Care Registration	August 16
Hotel Accommodations	August 22
Resolution Submission	August 28
Council Registrations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Council Local Delegation • Additional Equity Delegate Applications • Observers to Canadian Council 	September 9

