

# PRAIRIE REGIONAL COUNCIL 2026

Edmonton, Alberta  
April 29-May 1, 2026



Greetings,

The 2026 Prairie Regional Council (PRC) will be held in-person at the Edmonton Convention Centre, Edmonton, from April 29 – May 1, 2026. Please ensure delegates are prepared to stay until adjournment on Friday May 1 at 12:00 p.m.

Our union continues to face a once in a generation struggle. Our jobs, our communities, and our livelihoods are under threat – but Unifor members are standing strong. From the bargaining table to the picket line to rallies across the Prairies, our members are united. Unifor will continue holding employers and decision makers accountable as we fight for our future and for the industries that sustain us.

This year, Council focuses on our continued commitment to Protecting Canadian Jobs and the communities they sustain. We, as members of Unifor, are not just fighting for today - we're building for the future.

In accordance with Unifor's Constitution and the [PRC 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 - April 10, 2026
- Resolution Submission Deadline - April 13, 2026

We look forward to seeing you in Edmonton!

In solidarity,



**Guy Desforges**  
Prairie Regional Council Chairperson



**Gavin McGarrigle**  
Western Regional Director

# REGISTRATION

Registration is online, please visit <https://register1.unifor.org>. The registration deadline is Friday, April 10, 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. PRC Local Leadership Meeting Tuesday, April 28, 2026
2. Prairie Regional Council Wednesday April 29 – Friday May 1, 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 council. 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 the Prairie 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 email [Teri.Roland@unifor.org](mailto:Teri.Roland@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, PRC 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 (5)
- 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)

## Prairie Regional Council Bylaws - Article 3.11

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

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 be held Thursday April 30. Registration and changes to delegate status will be closed at least one hour prior to voting.

# 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.

## Wednesday April 29

2SLGBTQIA+ Caucus – Lunch

Women's Caucus – 5:00 p.m.

Young Workers Caucus – 6:00 p.m.

## Thursday April 30

BIWOC Caucus - 8:00 a.m.

Workers with DisAbilities 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.

# RESOLUTIONS

## Bylaw Amendments

Please note that in accordance with [PRC 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 **March 27, 2026**.

Bylaw Amendment proposals may be submitted via email to [Teri.Roland@unifor.org](mailto:Teri.Roland@unifor.org).

Locals would then be given notice no later than March 30, 2026.

## General Resolutions

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

The general resolution deadline is **April 13, 2026**. General resolutions may be submitted via email to [Teri.Roland@unifor.org](mailto:Teri.Roland@unifor.org) we encourage you to send your resolutions prior to this date.

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.





## Prairie Regional Council Sample Resolution

Unifor Prairie Regional Council Will:

1. Encourage all Prairie locals to use the recommended format for resolutions; and
2. Encourage all Prairie 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:

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Jane Smith, President

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John Smith, Recording Secretary

# TENTATIVE AGENDA

## Tuesday April 28, 2026

- Prairie Local Leadership Meeting 10:00 a.m.  
(Westin Hotel, 10135 – 100 street, Edmonton, AB T5J 0N7)
- PRC Registration begins at 3:30 p.m. (Edmonton Convention Centre)

## Wednesday April 29, 2026

- PRC Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.
- Call to Order at 9:00 a.m.
- Western Regional Director's Report
- Debate on Recommendations and Resolutions
- Nominations
- Prairie Regional Council Standing Committee Presentations
- Guest Speaker(s)
- 2SLGBTQIA+ Evening Social Event – Evolution Wonderlounge

## Thursday April 30, 2026

- PRC Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.
- Call to Order at 9:00 a.m.
- Debate on Resolutions and Recommendations
- Prairie Regional Council Standing Committee Presentations
- Elections
- Guest Speaker(s)
- Evening Social Event (Westin Hotel)

## Friday May 1, 2026

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

# ACCOMMODATIONS AND TRAVEL

## Hotel

**Westin Edmonton, 10135 100 Street, Edmonton, AB, T5J 0N7**

Room rate is \$209.00 - \$234.00 per night plus applicable taxes. Individual reservations can be made by contacting the Hotel by telephone at 780-426-3636 referencing **Unifor Prairie Regional Council**.

Use the following link to book online:

[Book your group rate for Unifor Prairie Regional Council](#)

**Courtyard by Marriott Edmonton Downtown, One Thornton Court, Edmonton, AB T5J 2E7**

Room rate is \$215.00 per night plus applicable taxes. Individual reservations can be made by contacting the Hotel by telephone at (888) 236-2427. referencing **Unifor Prairie Regional Council group block April**.

[Book your group rate for Unifor Prairie Regional Council](#)

The cut-off date for reservations is **March 27, 2026**.

## Accessibility

Unifor is committed to ensuring that all union meetings and events are accessible and barrier free.

If you require accommodation related to a human right based need (including visual, hearing, mobility, endurance, or assistance requirements), please provide us with the relevant information. This will help us take all reasonable steps to remove barriers and support your full participation.

Please email requests to [Teri.Roland@unifor.org](mailto:Teri.Roland@unifor.org).

## Child Care

Child care will be provided during business hours of the PRC. Included with this package, you will find the [Unifor Child Care Registration Form](#). The form must be completed and returned no later than **Friday, March 27, 2026**.

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

# SUMMARY OF DEADLINES

Please make note of important deadlines for this upcoming PRC:

- Group Accommodation booking deadline – March 27, 2026
- By-Law Amendments – March 27, 2026
- Local Report Deadline – March 27, 2026
- Child Care Registration Deadline – March 27, 2026
- Resolution deadline – April 13, 2026
- Local Delegate Registration Deadline – April 13, 2026
- General Resolutions Deadline - April 13, 2026

