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TO: Local Union Presidents and Recording Secretaries, *and* Chairpersons and Secretaries of Retired Workers Chapters and Area Councils

2016 RETIRED WORKERS COUNCIL -September 4-9, 2016

This is our call letter to the annual Retired Workers Council to be held at the Unifor Family Education Centre, Port Elgin, Ontario.

<u>Check-in time is 2:00 p.m.</u> The council will commence after dinner on Sunday and adjourn at 12:00 p.m. on Friday. (All rates include kit materials, five (5) nights' accommodation and meals beginning with dinner on Sunday, up to and including lunch on Friday).

***Council registration fee is \$30.00 per delegate.** The registration fee of \$30.00 per delegate <u>plus</u> the room and board rates for this council is, as follows:

Delegates or Local Union Guests

+ Spouse (if local is paying)

\$ 250.00, no taxes applicable

- \$ 282.50, incl. 13% hst of \$32.50
- + Spouse (if delegate is paying) \$ 282.50, i Sharing with another delegate \$ 675.00, (
 - \$ 675.00, (after \$250.00 subsidy), no taxes applicable- (per person, not accompanied by spouse)

\$1,050.00, (after \$250.00 subsidy), no taxes applicable

<u>NO single accommodation</u> is available, unless medical proof is provided to the Unifor Family Education Centre. <u>Subsidy Eligibility</u> – The cost for delegates has been subsidized, in the amount of \$250.00, by the National Union.

ALL delegates + spouses or Local Union guests must submit a council registration form -Accommodation at the Centre will be on a first-come, first-served basis. If the Centre is booked it is your responsibility to make own alternative arrangements or Local may on your behalf. *OFF-SITE delegates + spouses or Local Union guests must also submit a council registration form and pay the \$30.00 per delegate. - Meal plans can be arranged at the front desk. Anyone not complying with this policy will be charged accordingly. ALL DELEGATES + spouses STAYING OFF-SITE MUST PURCHASE A \$50.00/DAY MEAL PACKAGE

<u>ALL FEES must be paid in advance by cheque, Visa, Master Card or Amex.</u> <u>Two separate forms</u> <u>of payment must accompany the reservation form</u>. One for the \$30.00 registration fee (per delegate) and a separate one for total cost of accommodation. Cheques are payable to "Unifor Family Education Centre". <u>Mail with the "signed" reservation form AND delegate or Local</u> <u>Union guest registration form(s)</u> to Unifor Family Education Centre, 115 Shipley Avenue, Port Elgin, ON, NOH 2C5, or email to <u>confcentre@unifor.org</u>. If you wish to pay by credit card complete the "method of payment" section on the reservation form. Please contact the front desk with questions, toll free 1-800-265-3735, <u>ext. 3221</u> or 519-389-3200.

<u>Cancellations</u> must be made 24 hours prior to the Council. Failure to do so will result in a billing for the first night's accommodation cost.

<u>Special needs</u> of any delegate or spouse, requiring particular accommodations or meals, must indicate the request on their reservation form.

<u>Travel allowance</u> is provided to delegates whose chapter or area council is <u>over 800 km. one</u> way to the Family Education Centre. This applies to one (1) delegate per chapter or area council. An economy airline ticket with Air Canada will be reimbursed by the National Union. <u>Approval must be pre-authorized before the Council</u>.

Resolutions – (deadline June 30, 2016) brought to the floor of this council are to be forwarded to Kelly O'Neil, Secretary RW department, email <u>kelly.oneil@unifor.org</u> fax to 416-495-6554.

<u>RW Chapters and RW Area Council Reports – (deadline June 30, 2016)</u> are to be typed for copying into the RW Council booklet and forwarded to Kelly O'Neil, Secretary RW department, by regular mail, email <u>kelly.oneil@unifor.org</u> or fax to 416-495-6554.

Delegate entitlement is outlined in the Unifor National Constitution Article 12. Section 20 and 21 and the National Retired Workers By-laws Article 3. (see below)

ARTICLE 3 – REPRESENTATION TO THE NATIONAL RETIRED WORKERS COUNCIL

- a) Each Local Union Retired Workers Chapter shall be entitled to one (1) retired worker delegate.
- b) Each Local Union Retired Workers Chapter having more than one thousand (1,000) retired workers shall be entitled to one (1) additional retired worker delegate for each one thousand (1,000) retired workers or major fraction thereof; providing however, that where appropriate, the National Executive Board may approve additional representation.

- c) Each Retired Workers Council established by the National President shall be entitled to three (3) retired worker delegates and each additional Retired Worker Area Council established by the National Executive Board shall be entitled to one (1) retired worker delegate.
- d) Each Local Union shall be entitled to one (1) delegate to be designated by the President of the Local Union, who is not retired.

*Note: Delegates and Alternates are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item and the Grey Bruce Labour Council and Unifor Retired Workers will be holding a food collection on Labour Day for the Foodbank.

Please contact Barb Dolan, Director, Retired Workers department, if you have any questions, at 416-998-3954, or email to <u>barb.dolan@unifor.org</u>.

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Director, Retired Workers Department

In solidarity,

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Jerry Dias National President

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cc: P. Kennedy, Assistants, National Executive Board, National Representatives, RWCE, D. Lindsay, D. Fowler

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