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Local 222 Members Caught in Political Crosswinds Caused by Tariffs

ON FRIDAY, MAY 2ND, GENERAL MOTORS ANNOUNCED the reduction of the 3rd shift in early November of this year. This decision will impact over 700 members at the GM unit and have an equally devastating impact on the supplier units. This decision by GM is nothing short of premature and reckless. This decision is nothing more than an olive branch extended to the 47th president of the United States of America. This decision has nothing to do with sales, nothing to do with future forecasts of product demand but merely moving 50,000 units per year from Oshawa to a plant in the States. Being caught in political crosswinds is nothing new to Local 222, but regardless, the impact is devastating.

The following Monday, May 5th, myself, along with Truck Plant Chair Chris Waugh and his District Committeepersons met with Premier Ford and his key cabinet ministers. Premier Ford shared our anger with GM and we began a discussion surrounding a path forward. This is not a time for politics, not a time for fear mongering or social media opinions, but rather a time the members have to unite and come together. The leadership of this union at the National level, the Local, and the Chair of the Truck plant continue to demand answers from the levels of government that can step forward and partner with the company to navigate these headwinds called tariffs.

The Local union is committed to send our service reps into plants, lunchrooms, homes, wherever is necessary to help and assist members with employment insurance needs. We have very capable service reps, I strongly encourage members to call the hall, or come to the hall and take advantage of their skills.

Durham Region Transit bargaining

At the time of writing this article, we are deep into negotiations with the Region to secure a respectable contract for our DRT unit members. It has been a pleasure to see how hard

the DRT committee is working and how united the DRT membership is as we move towards a deadline. Local 222 is fully committed to extend all our resources and efforts to make sure we get an agreement that reflects what other tier 1 regions are receiving. Hopefully by the next article we will be sharing the good news of the results.

Recreation Committee

I would like to thank the Recreation Committee for an excellent day at the Local 222 golf tournament. A fun day for all and very well organized.

Executive Election Results

I would like to extend my deep gratitude to the members of Local 222 for your confidence in me. This confidence and trust is earned and is a privilege. I intend to continue to do the job you elected me to do.

This is the last issue till the fall. Enjoy your summer with your family and friends.

In Solidarity. 🍁



Jeff Gray
Unifor Local 222 President



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Stay Strong Stay Together in the Face of Tariffs

FOLLOWING THE RESULTS OF OUR RECENT EXECUTIVE Board elections, I would like to thank the membership for their support and confidence in re-electing me as Financial Secretary for another term. I look forward to working alongside President re-elect Jeff Gray. His leadership and friendship has made my job easier.

I also would like to congratulate all those who were elected. For those who weren't successful, I urge you to continue to be involved and gain skills to add to your resumes.

Working at the Union Hall for the past decade has not become something that I take for granted. I see our members, I speak with them, I understand their needs and I continue to make sure we are providing the service that is needed and expected. We have spent the last year spending good dues dollars on upgrading some of the spaces we have available to make sure for years to come we will be able to offer great services. We are the flagship

of Union Halls and I for one am proud of that.

Unfortunately tariffs are now dictating the Local's finances, and with the increased costs of prod-

ucts and services, we will have to be extra diligent when it comes to spending. For now it will be necessary to pump the brakes on using dues monies on any improvements for the Hall.

The 2024 accountants' audit has concluded. Now with the elections over, this information can be presented at our next Executive Board meeting.

We as a country are in for the fight of our live. Hopefully those who are in power are ready to make the decisions needed to ensure future stability for working Canadians.

Stay Strong Stay Together 🍁



Rob Romano

Unifor Local 222
Financial Secretary

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Financial Report Balance Sheet as at Mar. 31, 2025

Total Receipts	\$1,549,283.81
Total Expenses.....	1,476,133.11
Q1 Surplus	\$ 73,150.70

Unifor Local 222 Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2025

ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank.....	686,654.43
GIC's	3,203,393.20
Accounts receivables	726,958.32
Prepaid expenses	698.72
Future pension benefit.....	355,000.00
Total Current Assets	4,972,704.67

Fixed Assets

Land	615,195.00
Buildings	1,613,277.52
Total Fixed Assets	2,228,472.52
TOTAL ASSETS	\$7,201,177.19

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payables	809,334.86
Accrued Liabilities	32,369.18
Union Dues Payable.....	2,198.67
Charitable Deductions.....	210.00
Skilled Trades Dues Payable	(172.74)
Retired Members' Fund	385,174.75
Deferred Revenue	162,504.00
Obligation for post-employment benefits.....	1,975,000.00

Total Current Liabilities 3,366,618.72

TOTAL LIABILITIES..... \$3,366,618.72

EQUITY

NET ASSETS

Net Assets.....	3,761,407.77
Surplus (Deficit)	73,150.70

TOTAL NET ASSETS 3,834,558.47

TOTAL EQUITY \$3,834,558.47

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY \$7,201,177.19



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Union Prepared to Fight Forecasted Shift Loss at GM

I WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE JASON GALE FOR BEING hired as National Staff Representative for Unifor. Jason will be responsible for General Motors and many other units.

Jason started his role as Chairperson in Oshawa with a very small footprint in 2020. Shortly thereafter, he was faced with the Covid pandemic. It was an extremely challenging time for us in the plant, as well as in Canada and the world. Jason was successful in having people return from being laid off to assist with the Covid pandemic by manufacturing medical masks.

During 2020 bargaining, Jason and the bargaining committee were successful in reopening the Oshawa Truck Plant and then in 2023, he helped bring back an historical contract. The entire committee and I would like to wish Jason well on his new well-deserved role. As a result of Jason's new role, he has appointed me for the balance of the term, as per our Local bylaws, until the election scheduled for early 2026.

On Friday, May 2, 2025, the company gave the Union six months' notice of the elimination of the third shift. The company has stated this decision is due to the United States of America imposing tariffs on Canadian-made vehicles. Considering that General Motors is one of the most powerful companies in North America, they are only appeasing Donald Trump. They are turning their backs on this membership.

We have reminded the company that Unifor's Oshawa membership is GM's most highly skilled, committed workforce in the corporation. Our membership continues to exceed all expectations for quality, productivity, and safety.

Eliminating a shift is unacceptable. The company needs to provide details around the expected timeline, impact to membership, product volume/ratio, and more. Meetings between the Union and Company will continue.

On Monday, May 5, 2025, we had an unexpected visit from the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford. The Union was notified the morning of the 5th that his team made a request days before to visit the plant and it was approved. Once we found out, we immediately requested a meeting with the Premier. Myself, Districts, Brian Nicholls, Brian Troke, Scott Pearce, Jeff Wood; and President Jeff Gray were granted a ten-minute meeting. The ten-minute meeting, turned into a 45-minute meeting with Premier Ford, his Cabinet Ministers, and the Mayor of Oshawa, Dan Carter in attendance.

This was a closed-door meeting; the company was not present during the meeting. We made it clear to Premier Ford that this Union is not giving up on our membership and are going to fight the elimination of the third shift. We also told Premier Ford we expect he does not give up on the auto industry in this country and reminded him that this ship has not sailed.



Chris Waugh

GM Shop Committee Chairperson

We provided suggestions and examples how our plant can be more flexible and adaptable, highlighting our ability to build a wide range of products. The meeting was constructive, and they seemed to be listening to our suggestions.

In addition to the above, the company notified the Union of significant volume reductions for the months of May and June. This will result in rotational layoffs for all three shifts in June. For the month of June, the volume will be 400 trucks a day. The majority will be Heavy Duty content with some Light Duty pilot builds. The company is claiming this volume reduction is due to the build out of 2025 Light Duty. Production of the 2026 saleable Light Duties begins early August.

Week of June 2, Shift 3 is on layoff.

Week of June 9, Shift 1 is on layoff.

Week of June 16, Shift 2 is on layoff.

Week of June 23, Shift 2 is on layoff. Shift 2 will be paid SWW for the week of layoff (if eligible).

The following estimated manpower numbers are from the company for May.

PRODUCTION		SKILLED TRADES
Active:	2,347 (includes 174 FT TPTs + 197 PT TPTs)	293
LOA:	62 (Union, Mat/Par, PRIMP)	2
S&A:	189 (S&A, WSIB, EDB)	8
Layoff:	6	0
Total:	2,604	303
Total Plant Population:		2,907

For additional updates and communications, stop by our Facebook page, Unifor 222 GM Oshawa (www.facebook.com/groups/unifor222gmshawa). You will be asked to provide your badge number or GMIN to join the group.

Unifor Local 222 general membership meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month. GM unit meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month. Both meetings are held at the Unifor Local 222 Union Hall, 1425 Philip Murray Ave. at 3:00 p.m. All members are welcome and it's a great way to get involved with your Union.

I encourage everyone to continue supporting each other during these challenging times, and to continue building high quality trucks/parts for our customers.

As this the last **Oshaworker** before the summer, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful summer 🍁

GM Skilled Trades Ready to Fight Decision to Reduce 3rd Shift

HELLO ALL, JASON GALE OUR PLANT CHAIRPERSON and fellow GM electrician, has moved on to a position with our National Union. I wish him well in this new endeavor. Before leaving Jason appointed Chris Waugh to the position of Chairperson. As per our by-laws, Chris will finish off the current term. Congratulations Chris. I look forward to working with you through these trying times.

As you are all aware, the company announced on Friday, May 2nd, the reduction of the third shift in the fall. Your plant committee is and will continue to try and have this decision reversed. As for the trades, our trades committee with the help of our plant chairperson, will relentlessly strive to keep each and every trade member gainfully employed throughout these times and beyond. I ask all trades, please avoid the rumor mills that will undoubtedly run wild during the coming



Scott Pearce

General Motors Skilled Trades District Committeeperson

days. If you have questions, please reach out to your shift rep or contact me directly for factual answers. I have been and will continue to get out on the floor whenever I get the chance, to address any concerns you may have.

The Unifor Oshawa and Eastern Ontario Area Skilled Trades Council will have its last monthly meeting on the 4th Thursday in June (June 26th) before the summer shutdown for the months of July and August. The council will resume meeting on the 4th Thursday of September (Sept. 25th).

With the summer shutdown fast approaching, I would like to wish all a happy holiday and to those that were asked and have chosen to work the holidays, thanks for your dedication ensuring our plant is ready to run after the holidays.

In Solidarity. 🍁

GM Members Reminded Not To Help Company Eliminate Our Jobs

AS THE COMPANY CONTINUES TO AGGRESSIVELY REDUCE jobs to satisfy the PIP plan it is more critical than ever that we guard against unsafe work practices.

With the rearrangement of jobs and elements, always adhere to your start and stop points of your footprint. Just because management insists these job changes are doable, it does not mean it can be done in a safe manner.

If you have a safety or ergo concern, notify your group leader. If they cannot resolve the concern to your satisfaction, then it must be added to the ESCP.

If you believe your job does not have enough time and cannot be completed safely using the standardized work outlined in your bluebook, then the company and the union have a job concern tracking process in place to document and address these issues.

The onset of warmer weather brings high temperatures inside our buildings.

Our annual heat stress program has commenced earlier this year as of May 15. Water will be distributed throughout the plant when the building temperature reach pre-determined humidity thresholds.

The Joint Health and Safety Committee decides where to put a wet-bulb thermometer in each building. This thermometer measures the temperature and humidity in that area and the JHSC has chosen the hottest area. Once the outside humidex has reached 30 degrees the JHSC and your committee people monitor the readings.



Steve Chinn

GM Health and Safety Coordinator



Stefan Golias

Shift 1 Health and Safety Representative



Louie Johnson

Shift 2 Health and Safety Representative



Shawn Terwillegar

Shift 3 Health and Safety Representative

Our in-plant chiller units are scheduled to be operational as of June 1st.

Have a safe and happy summer! 🍁

Change of Address

Before you move, please notify Unifor Local 222 of your new address by calling 905-723-1187 and pressing 11 (one one) or emailing local222@local222.ca.

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Equity in Action: Unifor-GM Joint Equity Committee Unites for Progress

AS THE WEATHER STARTS TO GET NICE, WE MUST TAKE A moment to remember those less fortunate and that even in the warmer months food insecurity and affordable housing is still an ongoing issue within our community.

On May 5-9, equity representatives from Unifor and General Motors gathered in London, Ontario for a week dedicated to advancing equity and inclusion within our workplaces. Representatives from Oshawa, Woodstock, Cami and St. Catharines on both the union and company side, came together as part of the Unifor-GM Joint Equity Committee to strengthen our ongoing partnership.

The week focused on critical topics like mental health, structural inequities and strategies to build more inclusive environments for all workers. Through open dialogue and joint training sessions, we explored ways to support each other, improve workplace culture and ensure equity initiatives are not only sustained but meaningfully expanded across all GM sites.

As part of our commitment to giving back, we also volunteered at the London Food Coalition an organization that helps to combat food insecurity and waste by rescuing and redistributing healthy food to those in need. Their main goal is to divert food from landfills and make it accessible to community organizations and individuals. Our team was hands-on that day helping to sort and chop produce, load and unload food trucks and organize donations. It gave us a clear view of the vital role and need food banks have within their communities.



Michelle Kimble

GM Human Rights Representative,
Female Member-at-Large Local 222 Executive



Maria Chinelli

GM Women's Advocate

We would also like to take a moment to shout out to Jeff Gray and Local 222 for the ongoing support of equity and for donating equity sweatshirts to the Unifor representatives in attendance that week.

Together we remain committed to fostering collaboration between Unifor and GM and to ensuring our equity work is grounded in real action, real conversations and real change.

Since this will be the last article till fall, we want to wish everyone a safe and happy summer. 🍁



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Unifor Local 222 Executive Election Results

E=Elected R=Run-off

President

One (1) to be elected

KEETCH, Rebecca	1280	
GRAY, Jeff	2272	E

1st Vice President

One (1) to be elected

McGill, Andrew	1922	E
HART, Jennifer	1410	

2nd Vice President

One (1) to be elected

QUILTY-PICCOTT, Kyla	2045	E
PARISH, Mark	1318	

Financial Secretary

One (1) to be elected

ROMANO, Rob	2467	E
GROTTICK, Amber	947	

Recording Secretary

One (1) to be elected

HENRY, Jamar	1445	
MUTIMER, Mike	1871	E

Trustees

Three (3) to be elected

CHINN, Steve	1739	
RANKINE, Tim	2414	E
RAFUSE, Mike	2414	E
HAMEL, Tyler	1960	E

Sergeant-at-Arms

One (1) to be elected

CRANE, Sean	2017	E
GIBSON, Leslie	1186	

Guide

One (1) to be elected

WILLIAMS, Jason L.	1442	
NORTHAM, Ryan	1744	E

Board Members at Large

One (1) each to be elected

Female

KIMBLE, Michelle **ACCLAIMED**

BIWOC

COLLEY, Darrell **ACCLAIMED**

2SLGBTQIA+

LAWRENCE, Nikki	1064	R
JUDD, Taylor (Hunter)	664	
KEEFE, Denise	1216	R

Run-off Results

LAWRENCE, Nikki	887	E
KEEFE, Denise	770	

Youth Worker (under 35)

LEGGETT, Rielly	562	
CHINELLI, Samantha	1742	E
BERARD, Jesse	527	
SAJO, Cody Richard	293	

Balance of Local Member at Large

CORNISH, Terry	1100	R
DAVID, Stevan	591	
McVEY, John	1361	R

Run-off Results

CORNISH, Terry	807	
McVEY, John	940	E

Editor, Oshaworker

One (1) to be elected

SMITH, Matt	808	
DUNFORD, Ashley	1009	R
SUTTON, Dave	1369	R

Run-off Results

DUNFORD, Ashley	828	
SUTTON, Dave	956	E

Service Representatives Two (2) to be elected

RANKINE, Tim	2159	E
HAMEL, Tyler	1690	
RAFUSE, Mike	2154	E

Alternate Service Representatives

Two (2) to be elected

HALL, Shaun	795	
DICKHOUT, Devon	1387	R
PEREIRA, Isabel	708	
THOMPSON, Don	1843	E
HART, Jennifer	1217	R

Run-off Results

DICKHOUT, Devon	943	E
HART, Jennifer	879	



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Best Advice is to Avoid the Rumour Mill in These Uncertain Times *From the Editor*

FELLOW MEMBERS

I would like to thank everyone for your generous support in re-electing me as your **Oshaworker** Editor. I would also like to thank everyone for putting their names forward for the positions.

It's not easy putting yourself out there for a large membership like Unifor Local 222. The generous support I have received means the world to me and I look forward to continuing to serve the membership. I will continue to provide nothing but the facts in our great publication. We have very dedicated and intelligent contributors that provide nothing but the facts for the membership. Whether it's a shop update or local event, you will continue to receive the correct information, even in the most uncertain times.

I would also like to congratulate Jackie Finn for receiving the King Charles III Coronation Medal. Jackie received this award for community service and philanthropy. Jackie dedicated decades of volunteer leadership to the Family Auxiliary and Local 222. Jackie has played a key role in shaping the labour movement by supporting auto workers and their families. To this day you will still see Jackie down at the hall or community events.

With the recent announcements regarding GM, I would advise avoiding any gossip or rumours on the shop floor and social media. The best way to get information is to contact one of your elected representatives and attending membership meetings. The most accurate information will come from them directly or in the form of a leaflet from the Union Hall.

In Solidarity. 🍁



Dave Sutton
The Oshaworker Editor



Jennifer French presenting Jackie Finn with the King Charles III Coronation Medal



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Durham Region Transit

THE DURHAM REGION TRANSIT ARTICLE BY IAN SINNOTT WILL RETURN IN the Fall edition.

Negotiation updates will continue to be given by the Bargaining Committee. 🍁



Ian Sinnott

Durham Region Transit Chairperson

TFT members reminded to work within the job's guidelines

SISTERS AND BROTHERS. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO TOOK the time to vote for me in the election. I'm honoured to be your chairperson. I will work hard for the membership to ensure the company is held accountable. It will take some time to get adjusted but rest assured that I'm ready for this fight! I just took over the chairperson position and we were dealt a huge blow that the 3rd shift will be permanently laid off in November. We all need to stick together and must all stick to our SOI's and take our time to not overwork ourselves. Ask for your SOI's, photocopy them. Make sure that you're not doing anything that's not on it. This way if they decide to change anything to your job you have proof. Also make sure to call your Rep. and Health & Safety of any changes to your job. The company needs to give us two-weeks notice of any changes, or a grievance will be filled!

Speaking of grievances your new committee was left with a ton of them, some settled, others not. We are further investigating these. Some have write-ups, some don't. The company has not

made it easy on the union, we haven't had computers, phones, or any training to date! They have also disciplined everyone and since I started on May 7th, when getting a computer but no access to over 100 disciplines! Please don't work through breaks and lunches. I realized that some have a great work ethic and take pride in not shutting down the line, but the company doesn't care! Make sure that if they're training you, that you get five days training regardless if you can learn it in 20 minutes!

I would like to thank my dad for teaching me about the union and values. Also, I would like to thank my wife for understanding that this job is 24 hours, 7 days a week in order to service the membership properly.

Once again, I'm only a phone call away or email me at unionchair@tftglobal.com

In Solidarity. 🍁



Kirk Sanders

TFT Global Chairperson

Remember the little things that keep members safe at work

SISTERS AND BROTHERS, since my last article we have a new CBA but implementing it has been a challenge. I want to take the opportunity to congratulate

everyone that participated in the elections. Besides that, it's been a struggle at best to get cooperation. There will be an information pamphlet coming out with both committee's contact number and email addresses.

Please contact your Area Lead immediately along with your Health and Safety rep if you get injured. With cut-backs coming, it is easy to forget about the little things that help make our day safe. Wait for the wave, use your horn. Stay Safe!

In closing, I would like to thank my Health and Safety Committee for all the hard work they do.

Cindy Kemperle Shift 1, Tracy Gray Shift 2, Lori Williams Shift 3. You guys are the best!

In Solidarity. 🍁



Kevin Craggs

TFT Global Health and Safety Chair

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AGS Oshawa members set for the bumpy tariff ride

I'D LIKE TO START OFF BY CONGRATULATING EVERYONE down at the hall that was either re-elected or newly-elected in their positions to represent the membership of Local 222. With the recent announcement of upcoming layoffs at GM, with more most likely to come in the auto sector, I'm sure you will all have your work cut out for you. With the on-again off-again tariff announcements imposed by the unpredictable Trump Administration, wreaking havoc on the Global economy, we're in for a rocky 4-year ride. Thankfully here at AGS, we have the contract for the Heavy Duty Chevy and GMC GM bumpers' whether they are assembled in Oshawa or the US. Unless the demand for new trucks goes down, we should be fine.

I'd like to congratulate the 8 new hires on the successful completion of their 90-day probationary period. Welcome to Local 222.

We only have a one-week shutdown announced as of yet, from June 30th to July 4th. The July 1st Holiday will be observed on June 30th. With the Holiday and vacation accrual from your date of hire, most of the new hires should receive most, if not all a full week pay for the shutdown. You are now entitled to \$250 for work boots as your probationary period was completed more than halfway through the current collective agreement. Otherwise, you have a \$500 allotment per 3 years, to be reset each new collective agreement. I'm sure you all received your Benefit cards. Any couples working here that can prove they have shared the same address are entitled to add each other to their Benefit plans. This will basically double your coverage.

With the recent addition of the exhaust Bezels to our production as well as bringing in service rear bumpers from our sister facility in Sterling Heights Michigan to be chrome plated, we have been able to turn some of our layoff Fridays into voluntary days off. Hopefully we can all maintain the ability of obtaining a 40-hour pay cheque.

We'd like to wish everyone a great summer and vacation. With any luck there will be some sanity in American politics and things will turn around for the better. I would say, restore some sanity, but I can't really remember when there was any.

If anyone has any questions or concerns, you can visit the



Bob Bryant
AGS Automotive Chairperson

Union office between 11am and 3pm. I can be reached via email at bobbr@AGSautomotive.com and our phones are 905-571-2121 ext. 6402 for myself, Keedron Wright ext. 6401, Mark Bray ext. 6404, Bill Goswell our JHSC co-chair ext. 6469 and Jeff Milley our substance abuse rep ext. 6400
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GOOD DAY EVERYONE I HOPE YOU ARE ALL DOING WELL.

Summer brings some very hot and humid days ahead and it is very important for everyone to stay hydrated. Armada does have a heat stress relief policy that all members should get familiar with, please refer to article 23.01.8 of our collective bargaining agreement. I just want to remind everyone that even though the company follows Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety Guide for heat reliefs, if you do not feel well notify your supervisor and health and safety reps right away and get to a cool area. Your health and safety is paramount. Health and safety reps are Pat Lownsbrough on days, Art Appell on afternoons and Dave Gavin on midnights. If Pat Lownsbrough is not available on days, the alternate health and safety reps are Rob Macfarlane and Heather Stephenson.

I would like to take this time to thank all members that ran in the Unifor Local 222 Executive Elections. Your participation is commendable and appreciated. Congratulations to all members that were acclaimed and elected, we look forward to your continued leadership and support. The one constructive criticism from our Unifor local 222 members at Armada Automotive is

they do not know who most of the candidates are. They only see a flyer with a picture of the candidate. This is the reason that more than half of our unit members don't vote in executive elections. They realize that it is hard for candidates to come to all units, but with social media it is possible to have a video blog on the Unifor local 222 Facebook page where the candidates can convey their message for all Unifor members to make an informed decision.

Sales and releases are still down at Armada Automotive. The company is trying to find ways to cut costs by adding more work to our members. I ask that all members remain calm and document the days that you are overloaded. Continue to work to the best of your ability. Keep in mind the company can ask you to do any task as long as you have the skill and ability and it does not violate your health and safety.

I would like to wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer and I hope you all have a good day.

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The task ahead is showing unified strength as Union Members. Standing up to the bully POTUS is paramount to eliminating the unjustified tariffs that have and will destabilize the Canadian economy and our Canadian jobs from coast to coast to coast.

ELBOWS UP, Sisters and Brothers. Together United we all must stand up against the felon POTUS and his administration.

The state of Signify

Recently, Sister Pik Wan Lau, affectionately Cini to her friends and coworkers, made a monumental decision. After

19 years with Philips/Signify, where she operated a wide range of Material Handling Equipment, Cini has decided it was the perfect time to retire and move on to the next chapter in life with her family. Cini, we will definitely miss your positive attitude and support at work, always greeting every coworker with your friendly smile. Signify Members wish you all the best in your retirement.

The unjustified POTUS tariffs have definitely had an effect on consumer sales, which have been significantly lower than previous years. However, on a positive note, the professional side of Signify business has remained consistently steady.

Stay Strong, Stay United, and ELBOWS UP! 🍁



Jim Johnston
Signify Chairperson

A Message from Your Newly Elected Service Representatives

We would like to sincerely thank you for the trust and confidence you've placed in us by electing us as your Local Benefit Representatives.

It is an honour to serve you.

As we face the challenges ahead, including the upcoming layoffs, please know that we are fully committed to supporting and assisting every member to best of our abilities.

We are here for you and we will work hard to ensure your concerns are heard and your needs are met. 🍁



Mike Rafuse

Service Representative



Tim Rankine

Service Representative

What's Going On at Work? Let's Talk About It

THE COMPANY POSTED A COST OF POOR QUALITY SUMMARY. I want to be clear: that cost is not on us. It's on management.

Non-conformance usually happens when tools don't work properly, instructions aren't clear, people don't get the right training, or the work is rushed without a proper plan. Those aren't mistakes made by the people doing the job—they're the result of decisions made by management, who determine the processes and procedures we're expected to follow.

As workers, we're showing up every day, doing our best, and often going above and beyond just to keep things running. We fix problems we didn't cause, we ask questions when something doesn't make sense, and we step in to help each other. That's not the sign of a team cutting corners—that's the sign of a team doing its best with what we're given.

If the company really wants to cut down on costs, they should start by looking at where the problems are coming from—not by

pointing fingers at the shop floor. We can't fix what

we're not included in. We need better tools, better communication, and respect for the work we do.

And let's not forget—bargaining is coming. That means it's our chance to speak up for what we deserve. We've kept things running, we've dealt with the pressure, and we've handled it all with professionalism and pride. Now it's time for the company to recognize that.

We need to be paid fairly for the work we do. That includes proper wages, better working conditions, and the respect we've more than earned. The company finds money when it needs to—now they need to find it for the people doing the real work.

Let's stay informed, stay connected, and stay strong—because we're better when we stand together.

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Pam Bosgraaf
Ritz Plastics Chairperson



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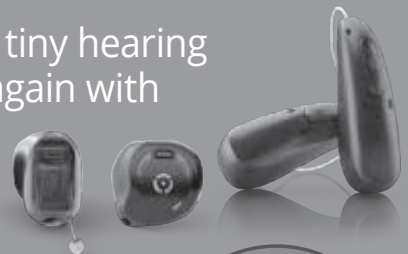
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"It happened so suddenly"

THERE ARE MANY GM RETIREES AND THEIR FAMILIES WHO are prepared with their "final arrangements."

However... there are many who are not, based on the calls received by the Union Hall when our GM members die.

The Union wants our members and their families to be as prepared as possible while they're under no stress.

Here's a checklist:

- ☐ confirm address that GM has on record

All pensions are processed through the GM Canada Benefits Centre. It's important to keep all information up-to-date with the GM Canada Benefits office.

- ☐ confirm current spouse/beneficiary
- ☐ confirm the surviving spouse pension payment amount, if applicable
- ☐ confirm the life insurance amount. Remember it decreases with age.

The GM Benefits Centre's online portal is a useful tool for getting your information: www.gmcanadabenefits.com

If you haven't been online, update your security questions by calling 1-877-442-4625. Have your SIN and birthdate ready to punch into the phone system to speak with a representative.

- ☐ Secure (not secret) place for SIN card and birth certificate

"My spouse did everything"

- ☐ Share the load. Make sure your spouse and/or a trusted family member has the information detailed in this article.
- ☐ Passwords. It's a new world. If your family wants to shut down your email, Facebook account, or switch the utility bills to the surviving spouse's name, they need your passwords.

"It's all paperwork & grief"

The service reps at the Union Hall can help. We need a copy of the death certificate, plus the name and phone number of the person reporting the death. This information can be emailed to local222@local222.ca or faxed to the Union Hall at 905-436-9515.

All the relevant paperwork from GM Canada Benefits Centre, Green Shield and Sun Life comes to the address on file by Canada Post. These take about 15 business days.

"What's dad's number?"

Everybody needs a current will. Unifor Legal Services (905-433-4242/1-800-387-6592) prepares wills. Legal Services will ask for the member's GM badge number or GMIN. The Union Hall staff can provide the number if needed.

If the residence with the address on file with the GM Canada Benefits Centre is being sold, we strongly recommend the Exec-

utor put at least one year's forward with Canada Post to make sure all appropriate tax slips are received for the estate filing.

- ☐ Original will: Where it's kept
- ☐ Marriage certificate, birth certificate of spouse and of any dependent children.
- ☐ List of the deceased's financial institutions. These ask for a copy of the will and an original death certificate when the estate trustee is ready to close the accounts.
- ☐ Location of safety deposit box.
- ☐ Certificates for all investments held by the deceased.
- ☐ Life insurance policies, other than the one with Sun Life from GM.
- ☐ Details of debts, including names, address and account numbers of all creditors (i.e. mortgages, loans, credit cards, landlords, nursing homes, hospitals).
- ☐ Real estate titles
- ☐ Vehicle owners slip

The following need to be dealt with:

- ☐ insurances (house, cottage, trailer, car, renter)
- ☐ cancel any government benefit payments
- ☐ cancel drivers licence/transfer vehicle ownership
- ☐ cancel miscellaneous automatic banking withdrawals: i.e. magazine subscriptions, club memberships
- ☐ check for credit card insurance with credit card company; cancel cards

"There's a Union death benefit"

There is no death benefit through the union. This common myth is likely from a time when the Local would help process the federal CPP death benefit. The majority of funeral homes/crematoriums assist with this now. 🍁

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Reminder to sign up for Retirees Appreciation Day in September

IT'S JUST THE START OF OUR SUMMER AND THE DAYS ARE warming up... make sure to get outside and enjoy the sunshine. Do lots of walking and socializing with family, friends. The secret to staying healthy is walking, talking and laughing with family and friends.

Please keep in mind that whatever happens across the border with Trump and his tariffs, Canada will never be for sale. We have the best country in the world, bar none. If necessary, we will fight alongside our Sisters and Brothers at Local 222 to keep our jobs here in Oshawa. Elbows Up!!

Don't forget to sign up at the front desk at the Union Hall or call 905-723-1187 for your Retirees Appreciation Day at Ajax Downs on Sept. 17th! Deadline to sign up is Sept. 8th. A fun event you won't want to miss. Please include your name, address, phone number as well as an email address, so we can follow up with you.

I'm so proud of you retirees for the great work you do in our



Lyle Hargrove

Unifor Local 222 Retirees' Chapter Chairperson

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Summer Edition of The Health Committee

ON MAY 14TH, WE JOINED THE BUS THAT CUPE ARRANGED to support the Ontario Health Coalition on listening to the debate of the Ontario Health Care and the discussions of closures to small Rural Hospitals and the problems with the staffing of Hospitals.

In communities across the province, emergency rooms are closing, urgent care centres are shut down and hospital projects are stuck in limbo.

Ford's budget brings no new beds, no new funding, and no plan to stop the crisis unfolding in our hospitals. There are no safe staffing ratios and little support for overworked health care workers. Ontarians are left to wait, travel further for care, and are ultimately left without the support they need.

Some things that are coming up include a rally in Huntsville with the First Ministers in attendance. There will be people attending this across the country.

Also there will a school weekend planned by the Ontario Health Coalition in Port Elgin in September. There are plans on holding different classes like how to fundraise and how to use social media.

The Ontario Health Coalition is having the Garlic Fundraising event again. There is a link on the Local's website or talk to the



Lance Livingstone

Durham Ontario Health
Coalition Chairperson



Ron Van De Walker

Durham Ontario Health
Coalition Member

Front Desk or Ron or Lance.

In our next issue of the *Oshaworker*, we will follow up on the events that are happening.

And please support the Garlic Fundraising for the Ontario Health Coalition. 🍷

Union Visits

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Names will only appear in the We Shall Remember column upon direct notification to Unifor Local 222 with a death certificate.

Donald B. Armstrong	GM Retiree	Brighton	April 24, 2025	Larry O. McKay	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Feb. 19, 2025
Jonathan R. Beal	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Mar. 28, 2025	Terry M. McKee	GM Retiree	Udora	Feb. 14, 2025
Lawrence C. Bowers	GM Retiree	Peterborough	Feb. 15, 2025	Waclaw Michalowski	GM Retiree	Whitby	Feb. 19, 2025
Robert E. Boyd	GM Retiree	Brighton	April 29, 2025	Patrick M. Mikuse	GM Retiree	Colborne	Mar. 21, 2025
Robert W. Bryson	GM Retiree	Richmond Hill	April 11, 2025	Richard B. Murray	GM Retiree	Oshawa	May 12, 2025
Robert J. Chevrier	GM Retiree	Maynooth	April 20, 2025	William C. Morley	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Mar. 7, 2025
Paul J. Collins	GM Retiree	Oshawa	April 27, 2025	James J. Morris	GM Retiree	Woodville	Mar. 14, 2025
Michael R. Conway	GM Retiree	Newcastle	Mar. 10, 2025	Adolf Mueller	GM Retiree	Hanover	April 2, 2025
Larry G. Cox	GM Retiree	Oshawa	April 5, 2025	Paul G. Mueller	GM Retiree	Pickering	Dec. 31, 2024
Bradley R. Culetta	GM Retiree	Whitby	Mar. 30, 2025	Ronald N. Nesbitt	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Mar. 21, 2025
John W. Dainard	GM Retiree	Campbellford	Feb. 13, 2025	John J. Niles	GM Retiree	Sundridge	Feb. 9, 2025
Venance J. Dignard	GM Retiree	MacGregor MB	Feb. 20, 2025	Jake Ovenden	Houdaille Retiree	Bowmanville	May 2, 2025
Cindy L. Emard	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Dec. 11, 2024	Barbara Peebles	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Mar. 1, 2025
Angelo Galiffi	GM Retiree	Whitby	April 19, 2025	Cyril P. Power	GM Retiree	Whitby	April 16, 2025
Barry H. Gallagher	GM Retiree	Whitby	May 1, 2025	David J. Ralston	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Mar. 3, 2025
Marcel J. Grenier	GM Retiree	Bowmanville	April 7, 2025	Gerald J. Rattu	GM Retiree	Minden	Mar. 14, 2025
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H.R. "Pete" Hance	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Feb. 17, 2025	Ernest H. Reid	GM Retiree	Oshawa	April 23, 2025
Betty Anne Hill	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Feb. 9, 2025	Tibor "Ted" Sandor	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Mar. 4, 2025
Waclaw F. Homoncik	GM Retiree	Oshawa	May 15, 2025	Douglas Southwell	GM Retiree	Bowmanville	Jan. 31, 2025
Gary J. Jeffrey	GM Retiree	Whitby	April 27, 2025	Alice M. Sweeney	GM Retiree	Woodstock, NB	Mar. 30, 2025
Terry S. Kelly	GM Retiree	Bowmanville	April 19, 2025	Franklin T. Sweeney	GM Retiree	Woodstock, NB	April 4, 2025
Randy J. Kirk	GM Retiree	Port Perry	April 3, 2025	Andrew C. Tielemans	GM Retiree	Whitby	Feb. 10, 2025
Joseph M. Kroepfl	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Feb. 5, 2025	Ivan L. Titterton	GM Retiree	Whitby	Nov. 20, 2024
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Edward R. Litwin	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Feb. 20, 2025	Henry Van Beek	GM Retiree	Peterborough	April 24, 2025
John H. Loeffen	GM Retiree	Hampton	Feb. 9, 2025	Ivan Vrhovnik	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Feb. 2, 2025
Garry Elmer Lonsberry	GM Retiree	Cobourg	Feb. 15, 2025	Allan E. Watson	GM Retiree	Harcourt	Feb. 3, 2025
Roy E. Loveless	GM Retiree	Norwood	May 7, 2025	Wiebren "Bill" Wielinga	GM Retiree	Whitby	Feb. 7, 2025
Petar Makrevski	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Nov. 12, 2023	Ranald F. Wright	GM Retiree	Haliburton	April 27, 2025
Clayton A. McColl	GM Retiree	Eagle Lake	Feb. 21, 2025	Feliks Zalewski	GM Retiree	Lindsay	Feb. 28, 2025

Time to End Ontario's Hospital Crisis

WITH THE RECENT ONTARIO AND FEDERAL ELECTIONS behind us we now wait to see what path the provincial and federal governments will take.

Will a Mark Carney government be successful in fighting tariffs imposed by Donald Trump and in doing so will he be responsive to the needs of the auto sector in Canada. Will he eliminate interprovincial trade barriers and build a more self-sufficient economy?

In Ontario, will Doug Ford tackle the long-term care crisis his government is responsible for or now that the election is over will he continue to make his corporate friends, especially those in the health care sector, richer than they already are at the expense of working people?

A recent report by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, illustrates the rise of private health staffing agencies and the costs associated with them have come at the expense of our Ontario public hospitals.

The report shows that Ontario has the lowest per capita hospital spending in the country. Ontario hospital spending increased by 4 percent from 2011 to 2022. Most of the increase came in 2022 when the province received federal pandemic funds to combat Covid-19. The result of this is that the funding increases did not keep up with inflation and population growth.

The result of this inadequate funding is that 49 percent of Ontario hospitals had budget deficits in 2023-24.

Rather than simply funding hospital deficits to prevent staffing vacancies, Ontario hospitals have had to resort to private for-profit staffing agencies to maintain services and prevent closures. Because of this Ontario hospitals have paid for-profit agencies \$9.2 billion over the past 10 years.

The main reason for the \$9.2 billion expenditure is that private for-profit agency staff can be three times more expensive than regular employees.

Ontario has become one of the most undercapacity hospital systems in the industrialized world because of the underfunding and staffing crisis. Ontario ranked 33 out of 38 Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and in Canada, Ontario had the second fewest staffed hospital beds per capita in 2022-23.

During the next four years rather than carry on with the privatization of our health care system and making his millionaire and billionaire friends wealthier, Ford should put an end to understaffing and the hollowing out of public hospitals by using our tax dollars to adequately fund our private hospitals and put an end to funding private for-profit agencies. 🍁



Bob Linton

Local 222 Retirees' Chapter Political Action Committee Chairperson

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- June 16** **Recreation BBQ**
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- June 18** **Pickleball 4 All**
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Great Start To This Year's Golfing Season

WELL, WE HAVE STARTED OUR SEASON AND MOTHER NATURE HAS COOPER-ated for the most part. Registration was a great success, with 18 new members joining our league! I guess the word is getting out about how much fun we are having!

We had our first tournament at Ashbrook on May 13 and some great golf was played. Congratulations to the winning team of Bob Bickle, Allan Banks, Joe Harty and Doug MacKenzie, with a winning score of -10!

Special kudos for Ron Bodnar, who holed out from 100 yards to earn an albatross for his team!

It's not too late to join our league; there's lots of golf yet. If you want in, contact me at dwheming@gmail.com or 905 243 4323. See you on the links! 🍁



Doug Heming

Chairperson Retirees Golf League



Ron Bodnar



Standing Strong, Taking Action - Together

THE UNION IN POLITICS COMMITTEE OF UNIFOR LOCAL 222 has remained active and committed in 2025, playing a vital role in member engagement during both provincial and federal election campaigns. Through the Unifor Member-to-Member campaign, our main objective was clear: remind every Unifor member of the power of their voice and the importance of casting their vote.

We worked diligently to encourage our fellow members not only to show up at the ballot box but also to support labour-friendly candidates who understand the needs of working people. Our activism stems from a deep belief that political engagement is not just a right—it is a responsibility, especially when the stakes for workers and our communities are so high.

Since the beginning of the year, the Union in Politics Committee has organized, mobilized, and stood shoulder to shoulder with workers across sectors. And we're not slowing down. Our commitment to defending good jobs, public services, and work-

ers' rights will remain unwavering—even as we face growing political uncertainty and instability.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Unifor's national leadership and to the leadership of Local 222 for their continued support. Your backing fuels our activism and strengthens our resolve to fight for the dignity and security of all workers.

Times are hard. The political landscape feels like a landfill—chaotic, unpredictable, and often disheartening. Workers are on edge, worried about what tomorrow brings. But there is only one way forward: together. United in purpose, we are stronger. And together, we will continue to organize, advocate, and win.

Stay connected and informed—follow the Unifor Local 222 Political Action Committee Facebook group for updates on upcoming actions, events, and ways to get involved. Our fight is your fight, and the work continues.

In Solidarity. 🍁



John McVey

Unifor Local 222
Union in Politics Committee



The members of the Unifor Local 222 Union in Politics Committee (from left) Jamar Henry, Maria Chinelli and John McVey joined the activists for the Tears to Hope event



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Troubling times find us again...

HELLO, UNIFOR FAMILY. SINCE OUR LAST READ, REGRETFULLY, our International Day for the Elimination of Racism event was cancelled, due to the imminent ice storm. Our BIWOC committee pondered hosting the event and unfortunately the weather was too unpredictable, to risk the travelling safety of attendees. Thanks to all who prepared yet supported our untimely decision. Our goal is to rebound with a more robust celebration in March 2026!

We're amid the fight of our working lives to maintain a stable auto workforce, since the U.S. elections. The U.S. tariffs caused chaos globally, with no clear resolution and the impact has been unprecedented, not felt since the COVID days. Our Elbows Up campaign across Canada has awakened the government and the media, with great concern, as we send a clear message to the U.S., of our intent to fight back. It has become even more troubling with the GM announcement of the 3rd shift cancellation, later this year. We've built great vehicles, since our roaring return from plant closure and will not accept this decision lightly. Unifor leadership will continue to monitor the situation and alert our membership of future action.

At this time of writing, I was re-acclaimed as BIWOC Member-at-Large on the Local 222 Executive Board, to further strengthen my role. I look forward to the new face of our Executive Board and will continue to provide equitable leadership and transparency, to unite the Local membership.

May 5th was Red Dress Day to honour Missing and Murdered Indigenous People. Local 222 members attended a Red Dress event, sponsored by the Durham Community Health Center at



Darrell Colley

Unifor Local 222 Aboriginal/Worker of Colour
Executive Board Member At Large

Purple Woods, in support. There were traditional Indigenous dancers to inspire the attendees, a walk down to a traditional sage burning (smudging) fire and stories of afflicted former victims and families. Sage burning has traditionally been used for centuries as a practice in cleansing and healing, with roots in Native American traditions. It is burned in a bowl or open fire and the smoke spreads to help dispel negative energy and spirits. It was a humbling event and highly recommended for the surrounding community.

The National Indigenous Peoples Day is on June 21 to highlight the cultures of First Nations, Inuit and Metis Peoples of Canada. Stay tuned for events in our Local, as updates are provided.

I'd also like to invite BIWOC members, allies and retirees, to get involved in our Local 222 & 1090 BIWOC committee. This committee allows members to express themselves, regarding racial equality in the workplace and surrounding communities. Our Facebook group is (Black, Indigenous, Workers of Colour-BIWOC group). I can be reached at 905-999-8839 or email DarrellUnifor222@gmail.com.

In Solidarity. 🍁



Marking Red Dress Day were Union in Politics Committee member John McVey, Pilkington Glass Women's Advocate Karen Barker, BIWOC Executive Board Member Darrell Colley, 2nd Vice President Kyla Quilty-Piccott and TFT Global Women's Advocate Cathy Roberts

Ontario Motor Sales Takes A Championship "Ron Gay" Trophy

ONTARIO MOTOR SALES IS THE BIG SURPRISE IN THIS year's finals. With Steve's Leather having a 15,1 and 3 record and a two wins and one loss, in the Round Robin, Chuck's team was a shoe-in to win it all. Ontario Motor Sales won all three games in the Round Robin. All OMS had to do this year with a 7, 11 and 1 record was to win in the Round Robin, two games to get in the "A" finals. OMS beat Durham Medical 4 to 2 in the first game, beat Molson's 4 to 3 in the second game and in the third game beat Steve's Leather 7 to 2. OMS had to have a few spares this game who were great. Chuck said it was ok for them to play.

Molson's was another BIG surprise by taking the "Ron Gay" B Trophy

Molson's with a 2,14 and 3 record lost all Round Robin games but manager Dave King had a plan. Dave was playing Durham Medical who finished in second place and had beat Molson's by a score of 10,3 in the Round Robin, he told his players that D M scored all their goals. Molson's went on to beat the LAST YEARS "A" CHAMPS two games to one. This was one of this years biggest upset. Durham Medical went from first last year to last this year. Sorry Steve.

The three stars in the Round Robin games were, for OMS ,Cory McGraw with 2, John Perrault 1, Roger Horsby 1, Blaine Corveveau 2. For Steve's Leather ,Tommy Pohjolanen 2, Scott McCullough 1, Chris Scott 1, Cory Patfield 1, and Chuck Bickle 1. For Durham Medical Paul Lisley 1, Brick Emmerson 1, and Scott Ward 1. For Molson's, Bob Taylor 1, and Trevor Desjardins with 1.

This is how we got to the "A" "FINALS and the "B" FINALS

"B" FINALS

We had to wait two weeks to get the last games in. Pressure was on everyone. The one top team was going to the "A" finals and the other to the "B" finals. Molson's was playing free and easy, while Durham Medical had all the pressure from last years win. Molson's won 4 to 3. It was a great game. Game two had Durham Medical came in with a 5 to 3 win, also a great game. Mitch Thurston had a hat trick for DM. In the final game Brad Henery and Charlie Edwards were on fire. Each had two goals and one assist. Matt Barbara had one goal and three assists. Molson's went on to win 5 to 3 and take the "B" two games to one. It was a great series. Charlie Edwards got MVP for the "B" FINALS.



John Perrault

Unifor Local 222 Truck-Car Hockey League

"A" FINALS

Ontario Motor Sales lost the first game 4 to 2. Steve's Leathers rep, BIG Chuck Bickle took a Diving penalty but OMS could not capitalize on it. Great game back and forth. Game two. Ontario Motor Sales came out on top with a 4 to 3 win. Cory McGraw was the star of the game with two goals and one assist. Game three was the most exciting of all. With the series tied one to one, the house was packed upstairs. It was the last game of the year and everyone stayed to watch. Talk about pressure. Steve Skene was cool in net, while I was nervous. It was end to end action with both goalies making great saves. Finally with little time to go Cory McGraw breaks down the left side to score on Steve Skene along the ice. OMS goes up one nothing. Chuck pulled Steve with minutes to go and put the pressure on OMS but could not score. Ontario Motor Sales wins one zip. Cory McGraw was the MVP of the "A" FINALS. It was a great finish to a great year by all the players, Refs and Ken Parker who did the time keeping and the THREE STARS of the games.

The reps would like to thank Mark Mapes for looking after the refs this year, also to Ken Parker for all his help. Thanks to Ice Sports, Molson's upstairs for their Christmas party and food and drinks all year. Thanks to all the players for a great year too. Sorry some got hurt and could not finish the year. Booner it was not my fault. LOL JYP.



B Champs - Claude Blanchet, Bob Taylor, Kyle Noble, Matt Barbara, Cory Wilson, Trevor Desjardins, Charlie Edwards, Brad Henry, John McLeod.
Missing: Brian McGree, Andy Bahor, Tim Brown, Kenny Pelletier.

Results

Feb. 25th

Durham Medical 3 / Molson's 0
Steve's Leather 4 / OMS 0

Round Robin March 4th

OMS 4 / Durham Medical 2
Steve's Leather 6 / Molson's 2

March 6th

OMS 4 / Molson's 3
Steve's Leather 6 / Durham Medical 2

March 7th

Durham Medical 10 / Molson's 3
OMS 7 / Steve's Leather 2

A and B Finals

March 25th
Molson's 4 / Durham Medical 3
Steve's Leather 4 / OMS 2

March 27th

Durham Medical 5 / Molson's 3
OMS 4 / Steve's Leather 3

March 28th

Molson's 5 / Durham Medical 3
OMS 1 / Steve's Leather 0

Final Truck/Car Standing

	W	L	T	Pts
Steve's Leather	15	1	3	33
Durham Medical	9	7	3	21
Ontario Motor Sales	7	11	1	15
Molson's	2	14	3	7

Team Stats

	GF	GA	AVG
Steve's Leather	90	38	2.00
Durham Medical	67	72	3.78
Ontario Motor Sales	56	64	3.36
Molson's	41	83	4.36

Top Four Scorers in the Playoffs

	G	A	PTS
Ontario Motor Sales, Cory McGaw	8	2	10
Steve's Leather, Cory Patfield	4	2	6
Durham Medical, Scott Ward	3	2	5
Molson's, Brad Henry & Matt Barbara	2	2	4

To Chuck Bickle, remember the saying - CURSE OF FIRST.

Thanks for a great season. Hope everyone has a great summer, and remember players, keep your stick on the ice, and goalies, the puck out. See everyone next season. 🍁



A Champs - John Perrault, Cory McGraw, Blaine Corriveau, Kyle Rennick, Geordie Oliver, Steve Reynolds, Roger Horsby, Chris Strilechuk, Dylan Lacroix, Will Smit. Missing: Shawn McKenna, Rodney Boone.

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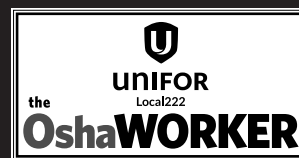
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