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## Unifor Detroit 3 Auto Preparing for Negotiations

I'M AFRAID THIS ARTICLE WILL START WITH THE SAD recognition of the Celebration of Life gatherings I've attended recently.

**Art Field** left us on March 20<sup>th</sup>. He was a huge influence here at Local 222 for decades upon decades. Art was a devoted social justice and political activist both within our union and in the community at large. He supported the Kawartha Lakes Food Source along with youth hockey. Art made a difference in many people's lives.

On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Steve Nimigon** passed away, 97 years old. A former Plant Chair, Financial Secretary and National Rep, he was giant among the leadership at Local 222.

**Tom Hoar** passed away April 15<sup>th</sup>, a quiet (if grumpy!) guiding force here during the 1970s to 1990s as GM Plant Chair and Local 222 Financial Secretary, and helped build this Union Hall. A wicked Truck Plant District and GM Plant Chair who took no guff from management, his legacy will live on.

**Cal Petit** passed away April 22<sup>nd</sup>, he was a Truck Plant Chair and District Committeeperson who was respected by all those he worked with.

The Executive Board has mandated the Union Hall will be putting the Canada flag at half-mast during the Retirees Chapter Meetings every month, to honour those retirees who have left us.



**Jeff Gray**

Unifor Local 222 President

### Anticipating Rough Road with Detroit 3 Negotiations

From the time the 47<sup>th</sup> President of the United States was inaugurated in January 2025, our Auto sector has been rocked with unpredictable statements, threats, illegal tariffs and announcements coming from the White House. The 47<sup>th</sup> President fully intends on destroying the Canadian auto sector. I do not wish to write all these examples in this article. The situation is emotionally exhausting and we are all too aware of our present situation. In order to get back on solid ground, the Detroit 3 Auto Councils debated multiple times this past winter on the possibility of bargaining earlier than the upcoming traditional timeframe this September 2026.

After careful consideration, Ford will be the target company to set the economic pattern with negotiations commencing in late June. General Motors and Stellantis will quickly follow once the Ford deal is ratified. This timeline at least allows the opportunity for GM/Stellantis to bargain with the power of the expiration of the current collective agreements looming over the negotiations.

This could be the most important set of negotiations in the long history of our auto sector. We need to secure our future. Canada is the second largest market in the world for the Detroit 3. It's simple, if you want to sell here, you must build here. Our master bargaining committee here in Oshawa, under Plant Chair Chris Waugh, are absolutely focused on the future and our job security. GM and Stellantis members need to stay united, and we need to send the Ford group all the solidarity necessary to achieve a successful economic pattern.

### CUSMA Talks

Our federal government has the responsibility of securing a renewed CUSMA agreement that fully resists any tariffs on our vital Canadian sectors. Whether it's energy, aluminum and steel, forestry, agriculture or Auto, we cannot allow any

of these sectors to be permanently damaged by an unfair trade deal. We know 85% of Canadian goods are exported to the United States, with even higher numbers when it comes to Auto. When you hear the Liberals make statements that the auto sector needs to "diversify" our markets, it is truly concerning. More vehicles are stolen in Canada every year than are exported to Europe or other markets outside the USA. Those of us who have worked in Auto, understand, 95% of our vehicles are destined for the United States. A report came out yesterday from RBC that claims the Canadian Auto Sector will be extinct by 2040 without tariff free access to the USA. I have, and will continue to speak with all the provincial and federal political parties to express our concerns moving forward.

### Kerr Industries

Successful bargaining with our Kerr Industries group took place recently. Our long-standing members at Kerr deserved a collective agreement that reflects their hard work and skill level. Our Kerr committee worked relentlessly to bargain gains for the membership. Kerr has almost doubled their workplace population and continue to be a good news situation in Local 222. The collective agreement bargained was ratified by a large margin and we're proud of this agreement.

### Local 222 GM/Supplier Power Centre.

The Local and the National have been working closely together to get this Power Centre up and running with the official opening the first week of June. However. Power Centres are not what we want. We just want our jobs. We don't want to be re-trained, we don't want second careers. We want our jobs, period.

Our summer is right around the corner. Although it doesn't feel like it at the time of writing, we all know, warm weather is near. Take the time this summer to do what makes you happy. Family, friends, boating, cottages are what resets our minds. Be safe. Enjoy the summer of 2026. 🍁



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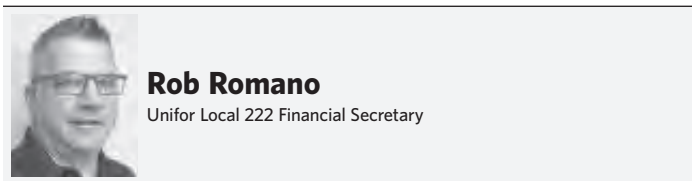
# Local's Financial Decisions are Showing Responsible Results

AS WE FINISH OFF THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2026, WE HAVE had a solid start to the year, showing a surplus in revenue of \$126,318.14

The audit for 2025 has been completed and will be presented to the Local 222 Executive Board for review before being discussed at the June General Membership meeting. Your Executive Board has been making financial decisions to try to maintain a responsible fiscal year for the use of Local 222 finances. I truly thank the Board for helping me with those tough decisions which impact how we run the Union Hall.

Unifor National has announced the D3 bargaining will begin early summer. I wish Brother Chris Waugh and the elected committee who will represent us at the table in Toronto best of luck, we are behind you all. I encourage all members inside GM to stay united and with your union, as these negotiations will be difficult considering the state of auto manufacturing in Canada and the pressure of American politics.

The recently-elected Standing Committees have started their monthly meetings. I have heard back from a few of them with regards to events and plans for 2026 year. I want to encourage all members, active and retired, to keep an eye out for the announcements of these events. It is you who will continue to shape the future of this Local by supporting and participating! Events are posted on the Local's social media pages which are



**Rob Romano**  
Unifor Local 222 Financial Secretary

the Local 222 website, Facebook and Instagram. If you need further information, call the Union Hall at 905-723-1187.

I want to wish all members a great summer ahead. Be safe, be healthy, be happy and be united.

In Solidarity. 🍁



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## Financial Report Balance Sheet as at Mar. 31, 2026

Total Revenue .....	\$ 1,643,076.96
Total Expenses .....	\$ 1,516,758.82
<b>Net Surplus for the period</b>	<b>\$126,318.14</b>

### Unifor Local 222 Balance Sheet as at March 31, 2026

#### ASSETS

##### Current Assets

Bank .....	370,763.45
GIC's .....	3,346,156.51
Accounts receivables .....	510,119.07
Prepaid expenses .....	1,191.24
Future pension benefit .....	557,900.00

**Total Current Assets** ..... 4,786,130.27

##### Fixed Assets

Land .....	615,195.00
Buildings .....	1,564,486.98

**Total Fixed Assets** ..... 2,179,681.98

**TOTAL ASSETS** ..... \$6,965,812.25

#### LIABILITIES

##### Current Liabilities

Accounts Payables .....	809,360.57
Accrued Liabilities .....	20,772.22
Union Dues Payable .....	2,355.37
Charitable Deductions .....	990.00
Skilled Trades Dues Payable .....	9,234.46
Retired Members' Fund .....	353,270.11
Deferred Revenue .....	54,168.00
Obligation for post-employment benefits .....	2,008,700.00

**Total Current Liabilities** ..... 3,258,850.73

**TOTAL LIABILITIES** ..... \$3,258,850.73

#### EQUITY

##### NET ASSETS

Net Assets .....	3,580,643.38
Surplus ( Deficit ) .....	126,318.14

**TOTAL NET ASSETS** ..... 3,706,961.52

**TOTAL EQUITY** ..... \$3,706,961.52

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY** ..... \$6,965,812.25

# Looking Forward to Unifor and GM Bargaining for 2026 Contract

FORD MOTOR COMPANY HAS BEEN SELECTED BY THE union to lead the Detroit 3 collective bargaining negotiations. Contract talks are scheduled to begin on June 22, 2026. Ford will set the pattern for the Detroit Bargaining.

This round of collective bargaining comes at a crucial moment for Canada's auto sector, as workers are facing unprecedented challenges from spiteful tariffs on Canadian-made vehicles, along with growing global economic and trade uncertainty.

Over the past year, this plant has seen the elimination of the third shift in truck, as well as the elimination of the third shift in Sub-Assembly/CCA. We have also faced Section 232 Auto tariffs on both light duty and heavy duty trucks. On top of that, we have watched General Motors capitulate to pressure from Donald Trump.

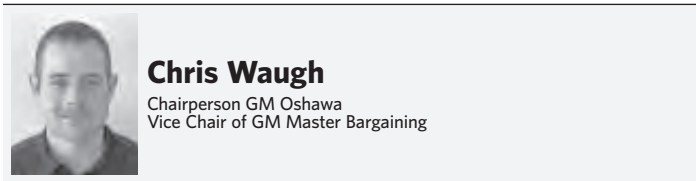
General Motors must remember that Canadians buy GM vehicles too. General Motors also holds a significant share of the Canadian vehicle market, and this membership deserves the same commitment in return.

The focus of this year's GM bargaining will be securing a strong, suitable footprint for our entire complex. These are our jobs, Canadian jobs, not just American jobs. We understand that members are worried. The concern is shared across the plant. The bargaining committee and the National Union will do everything possible to protect the entire complex.

With all this uncertainty over the past year, you have continued to show up, do the work, and build award-winning, high-quality trucks and parts. This hard work and dedication generates billions in profit for General Motors.

And how does the company repay that loyalty? With disrespect. GM loves to talk about "family first," But the truth is simple: GM only cares about profit. People are expendable to them and this membership knows it.

I had the opportunity to meet with GM Canada President Jack Uppal this past month. During our discussion, I reinforced the importance of Canada and the unique role our complex plays within General Motors. Our facility is truly one of a kind, combining both an assembly plant and a CCA operation on a single site. This configuration is found nowhere else within General Motors. This integrated setup gives Oshawa a clear and decisive com-



**Chris Waugh**  
Chairperson GM Oshawa  
Vice Chair of GM Master Bargaining

petitive advantage.

Over the past year, we have secured major investment in Stamping. A combined investment of more than \$63 million has been committed to Stamping upgrades. In addition, another \$9.3 million has been secured to upgrade equipment in the Paint Shop.

### POWER Centre

The POWER (Protect Ontario Workers Employment Response) Centre is now up and running at the Unifor Local 222 Union Hall. This job action centre is staffed by laid-off members, ensuring that peer support, guidance and resources are available to those affected. In the coming weeks, they will be holding seminars and workshops, while reaching out directly to laid-off members to provide support, information, and assistance during this challenging time.

As this being the last **Oshaworker** before summer. I would like to wish everyone a great summer.

For additional updates and communications, stop by our Facebook page, Unifor 222 GM Oshawa ([www.facebook.com/groups/unifor222gmoshawa](http://www.facebook.com/groups/unifor222gmoshawa)). 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 and GM unit meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month, both starting up again in September after our GM meeting on June 18th. Both meetings are held at the Unifor Local 222 Union Hall, 1425 Philip Murray Ave. at 3pm. 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 and parts for our customers.

Stay United. Stay Strong. Support Each Other. 🍁



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# Lots of Changes are Coming in GM Oshawa

AS OF WRITING THIS ARTICLE, THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF news in the Oshawa complex. On May 12, 2026 it was announced that 2026 negotiations with the Detroit Big Three will start on June 22nd, with Ford going first. With the tariff situation that faces us, I do not have to tell everyone how important these negotiations are. It has not yet been determined who will be going second. I can tell you all this. Your bargaining team here in Oshawa wants to be the next to the bargaining table.

Some good news out of the Oshawa complex is that GM will be investing in the paint shop and stamping. This is extremely good news as it shows that GM does have an interest in Oshawa and the workers here. As well, between 50-60 laid off members will be called back to cover Summer Vacation Replacement (SVR) jobs. We hope to keep these members as long as possible. The good thing here is that everyone who will be called back has their SUB topped back up.

With good news also comes bad news. On May 4th the company rolled out a new attendance policy. This policy is very aggressive, and a grievance has been filed to challenge this decision. As well on May 4th the company also informed the union of the 2026 GAP/PIP Plan. There were much discussion and shown disappointment in this plan. The cutting of jobs in the auto sector does not seem to stop, and Oshawa is no different. We will continue to fight these decisions and keep the mem-



**Brian Nicholls**

District Committeeperson  
GA D IP/Quality/CORE

bership informed. I cannot stress enough...DO NOT HELP THE COMPANY CUT JOBS! These are your coworkers. Brothers and sisters who will be getting laid off. Do not hesitate to put a call in for a rep through your Group Leader if you face challenges during these times. Not through social media. And please give the reps a chance to address any issues before going to the Districts or Plant Chair.

This is going to be another tough year. We need to stick together and stay strong. Help one another instead of telling on each other. We have been through these situations before, and we will get through these ones as well.

With this being the last **Oshaworker** before summer shutdown, I want to wish each and every one of you a safe and great summer with your family and friends. We have the best workers in the auto industry, and you folks deserve the time away.

As always I can be reached at [brian.nicholls@gm.com](mailto:brian.nicholls@gm.com)  
In Solidarity. 🍁

## The Impact of Automation on Job Losses at GM's Body and Paint Department

AS OF TIME OF WRITING THIS ARTICLE, THE COMPANY is eliminating jobs again even after their aggressive plan last year that eliminated just over 200 members. Most of these job cuts were in Body and Paint and this is where the brunt of the job losses have happened in the past four years due to automation.

The new ZJ line that is replacing ZA1 line is being validated right now and expected to be up and running by June 1st. This will affect 36 members across both shifts.

The GAP/PIP Plan has been happening every year for as long as I can remember.

When these jobs are being cut due to the company merging ULOCs, please do not help them when being asked to come up with ideas for them. Industrial Engineers are paid to do this. When these jobs get overloaded and unachievable, members can ask their GL to start the job concern tracking process. This is a company process and if they do not work with you to try to resolve issues with your job, please make sure you reach out to your Committeeperson.



**Brian Troke**

District Committeeperson Body/Paint

On a positive note, the company has committed to a \$9.3-million investment in the paint shop to refurbish or replace aging conveyers and major upgrades to other systems. This is great news as this will keep us building the current and next-gen trucks.

In the upcoming weeks I'm certain most are taking some well-deserved vacation time above our scheduled week of shutdown. I wish that everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer with family and friends.

In Solidarity. 🍁

# Proud of GM Skilled Trades Efforts Over Past Five Years

**THANK YOU FOR PUTTING YOUR FAITH IN MYSELF AND** the other Skilled Trades representatives in the elections earlier this year. We are working together to get the best out of the team, by making informed group decisions that cascade across all three shifts for consistency.

As everyone is aware, we have been short on manpower in Skilled Trades for a while now. With the reduction of 3rd shift Production and the shift off of Skilled Trades to Shift #1 and #2, things having settled in. We have been able to work with the company and starting May 19, 2026, preferential hires (Doc 14) were offered to CAMI, as well as external postings. At **Oshaworker** deadline, four Millwrights and seven Electricians are what is being looked for currently. This in conjunction with graduating apprentices this year and next will help fulfill GM's manpower needs as they sit today.

An exciting time is upon us. The first graduating apprentice in over a decade is due to come out of their time. This Millwright apprentice will join the ranks as a Journeyperson in early June. We would like to thank all those involved in making the apprenticeship program a success, from the journey people on



**Jeff Fleury**

Skilled Trades District Committeeperson

the floor, to the Rotech team for their continued support from the beginning and everyone in between. Without all of your help this could not have succeeded in the way that it has. Sincerely, thank you to you all!

I would like to take a moment and recognize that it has been over five years since most of you joined the GM Oshawa Skilled Trades team. Starting in May 2021, you have all done exceptional work coming to an industry you may not have been familiar with and excelled. I would also like to thank those who were here when all the new Skilled Trades came in and helped guide and train them. This was a task you all took on at a time when not only were the Skilled Trades new, but also Oshawa was starting up the new truck plant. This time has passed quickly, and I am happy to see everyone thrive.

With that, I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer! 🍁

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# Equity for All: Unifor-GM Joint Equity Committee Stand Together for Change

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On May 4-8, 2026, equity representatives from Unifor and General Motors gathered at Bayview Wildwood in Severn, Ontario, for a week committed to fostering equality and inclusion within our collective workplaces. Representatives from Oshawa, St. Catharines and Woodstock on both the union and company side, joined together through the Unifor-GM Joint Equity Committee to continue to strengthen our ongoing partnership.

The week highlighted key issues including mental health, workplace inequities and strategies to build more inclusive workplace environments for all employees. Through open dialogue and collaborative training sessions, we identified ways to better support one another and reinforce proper workplace cultural to ensure equity initiatives are not only maintained but meaningfully expanded across all GM facilities.

We were fortunate to have Wayne Hannah as one of our guest speakers, Wayne is a Canadian Armed forces veteran and former firefighter with 27 years of his life spent in the demanding service-first environments. Wayne's story of resilience and never giving up was truly inspiring, listening to him speak from the heart with no ego is something all of us in the room that day will remember forever. He showed us that sometimes it is telling your story that helps you overcome your story. Thank you Wayne.

Also, we would like to thank everyone who donated feminine hygiene products to our in-plant collection. We were able to



**Michelle Kimble**

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



**Sherry Fallis**

GM Women's Advocate

donate a truck full of pads, tampons and other hygiene products to the Interval House Muskoka's Bracebridge location. Interval House offers essential services to intimate partner violence survivors and their children with 2 locations, the other being in Huntsville. The staff were so grateful for all the products donated.

A big thank you to Local 222, Local 199 and Local 636 for donating our equity committee sweatshirts to the Unifor representatives in attendance that week.

Together we remain committed to fostering a positive collaboration between Unifor and GM to ensure our equity work is grounded in meaningful action, productive conversations and lasting change.

**We can be reached at:**

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Sherry Fallis 289-685-1716 or sherry.fallis@gm.com

With this being our last article until fall, we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy summer.

In Solidarity, 🍁



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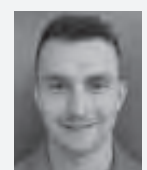
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## To the Editor

*On behalf of the Nimigon family I would like to extend our appreciation to Jeff Gray and Rob Romano for your support and help with dad's celebration of life.*

*There was not a more appropriate venue than our Local 222 Hall for our father's send off, so again, thank you for your part in making this happen.*

*In Solidarity*

*Jim Nimigon*



## DRT Members Have the Right to Refuse Unsafe Work

**A WORKER IN ONTARIO HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE WORK** they believe is unsafe under the Occupational Health and Safety Act. The worker should report the concern to a supervisor or employer, and the employer must investigate the refusal in the presence of the worker and a health and safety representative or union representative.

While the investigation is underway, the worker must remain in a safe place near the work area. If the worker still has reasonable grounds to refuse, the matter is referred to a Ministry of Labour inspector.

The inspector investigates the refusal with the worker, the employer, and the worker's representative present, and can order corrective action if needed. In some cases, another worker may be assigned to the work, but only if they are informed of the refusal and the reasons for it, with the proper representative present.

A worker cannot be punished for lawfully refusing unsafe work.



**Ian Sinnott**

Durham Region Transit Chairperson

### If You are Hurt at Work:

If you're hurt at work in Ontario, report it right away and make sure it gets documented. Even if it seems small at first, it's worth having it on record in case it gets worse later.

Get medical help if you need it, and let your employer know as soon as you can. If there's any chance you may need treatment, time off, or modified duties, filing a WSIB claim helps protect you and makes sure there's an official record of what happened.

If WSIB accepts your claim, your lost time may be covered, along with any benefits tied to the injury. If your claim is turned down, you can ask for the decision to be reviewed and get help from your union right away.

No one should have to carry a workplace injury alone. Reporting it, filing the proper paperwork, and getting support early can make a big difference for your health, your recovery, and your peace of mind.

In Solidarity. 🍁

## Lear Committee Focusing on Ergonomic / Time Studies Training

**THE COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE WILL BEGIN TO CERTIFIED** in Ergo/Time study training beginning in the next couple weeks.

The Union has pushed the company regarding this training due to the fact of jobs being eliminated and the work load on the hourly employees being too heavy.

This has resulted in a major increase in health and safety incident reports.

**Since our last article, we have three new elected union representatives:**

- Shift #2 Committeeperson is Colin Palmer
- Shift #1 Alternate Committeeperson is Jenn Dory
- Plant-wide Harassment Representative is Jim Burroughs



**Kirk Hinchey**

Lear Oshawa Chairperson

Congratulations to these three members and welcome to the committee.

Laid-off members who are currently on the TPT list are getting hours on Friday, Saturday, Monday, as well as covering any vacation that full-time members choose to take.

In closing, I would like to wish all members a well-deserved upcoming vacation starting June 26th.

In Solidarity. 🍁

## TFT Global Trying to Relocate the Union's Office Space

**SISTERS AND BROTHERS, YOUR UNION COMMITTEE HAS** been busy. At the time of writing this we have to locate to another building and our office space is limited. The Company's solution is to try to have us upstairs with them.

This will not happen.

We are dealing with disciplines on a daily basis, and to top it all off the company tried to mandate Victoria Day weekend! This is a direct violation of our Collective Agreement. They did the same thing on Easter weekend, and the National Union got involved after to let the company know that this is wrong. Don't be intimidated by the AIs. If you're asked to do something that is not in your SOI or being asked to train another co-worker, you do not have to do it. Ask to speak to your Union rep or if it's safety-related, your union health and safety rep.

We are getting overworked and being treated unfairly too many times by this company, with many of us working six days a week and then being asked to work on a Sunday. We must try

to balance work and home, and many of us are getting worn out. Especially because the heat is going to be here before we know it and that will make us more irritated.

Please be kind to each other and quit 'telling' on one other. We must all work together. Just know the Union has your backs, it may take a while with the grievance procedure but know that we are all in this together.

Once again, I am only a phone call away. If I haven't gotten back to you in a couple of days, please reach out again. I get anywhere from 15 to 45 calls a day, on top of the meetings I have.

This being the last **Oshaworker** before the shutdown, I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

In Solidarity. 🍁



**Kirk Sanders**  
TFT Global Chairperson

## TFT Members: Stay in Touch for the Safety of Everyone

**AT THE TIME OF WRITING THIS ARTICLE, BOTH COMMITTEES** have been told that we must vacate our offices and move. So far, a suitable location has yet to be found. Again, I can't "stress" enough the need for communication with us. If you have not heard back from us, do not get discouraged. Call or text again, we will answer your concerns. Don't assume information is being shared, don't assume we are being notified of an accident or injury. You are doing nothing wrong by contacting us.

The ergo assessments on 10 work cells are finished but it's taking longer than expected for concerns to be addressed. The job should fit the worker, not the other way around. Follow your work instructions, don't cut corners. A proper assessment of the job can't take place if corners are cut. Area Leads and the JHSC and reps need to know. It's a slow process but it can work.

All workers have "rights". If you have questions, call us. If you happen to get injured tell your Area Lead immediately, don't wait for a better time or the next day. If you must

call in due to a workplace injury, state "workplace injury" or you will be dinged an EL day. If you find yourself in a situ-

ation that you are not comfortable in, you have the right to ask for a Union Rep. No one has the right to tell you it's not Union business.

Summer is fast approaching, if your work cell is without a fan or with little air flow, contact the JHSC.

**Shift 1** Cindy Kemperle 289-688-1834

**Shift 2** Tracy Gray 905-261-7657

**Kevin Craggs**, Union Safety Chair 289-688-7443  
unionsafetychair@tftglobal.com

Lastly, we never know what our coworkers are going through. Be kind and be safe.

In Solidarity. 🍁



**Kevin Craggs**  
TFT Global Health and Safety Chair



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# Gearing Up For Negotiations at AGS Automotive

I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN THIS ARTICLE BY ACKNOWLEDGING the passing of long-time employee Jamie Ferguson. Jamie worked with many of the friends and family that he grew up with during his 44 plus years with AGS. It was a pleasure to see such a high turnout for his Celebration of Life, with many current and former members coming out to show their support and share stories of the past. We send our condolences to the many friends and family of Jamie that he leaves behind.

As this committee gears up for negotiations in August, it is worth noting a few points. As our senior members continue to retire, we find our membership at a time of transition. With many younger faces in the building, it is time to have our concerns addressed and to advocate for impactful, lasting change. Many of us are starting or expanding our families, saving to purchase homes, or looking to savour precious time with family and friends.

We expect that there will be some complications during these negotiations relating to tariffs. We will better know how this will impact the parts sector as the current free trade agreement is set to expire on July 1. However, GM has recently invested substantial money into its St. Catharines plant, which produces engines for its full-size trucks. As a parts supplier for these full-size pickup trucks, we are hopeful that this will translate to an increase in work within our plant.

If you haven't already received them, we will be handing out proposal sheets to members soon. These sheets are for the membership to let us know what concerns you would like addressed and what gains and changes you would like to see. We encourage open and honest feedback. We are relying on the membership to communicate your thoughts and concerns as we head into negotiations this August.

Our summer shutdown will take place from June 29 to July 3 this year. June 29 and 30 will be observed as a layoff, leaving members with three options. For those with unused current year PPH/Vacation time, you may utilize it for these days. For those without current year PPH/Vacation time, you may utilize next year's PPH entitlement to cover one or both days. Additionally, you may take an unpaid leave of absence. Vacation entitlement will be utilized for July 1 & 2, with Canada Day being observed on July 3.

Lastly, a quick thank you to Brent Strasbourg for filling in while both Larry and I were out of the office.

Please feel free to stop by the office at any time. I can be reached at isaacc@agsautomotive.com or at extension 6403.

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AGS Automotive Chairperson



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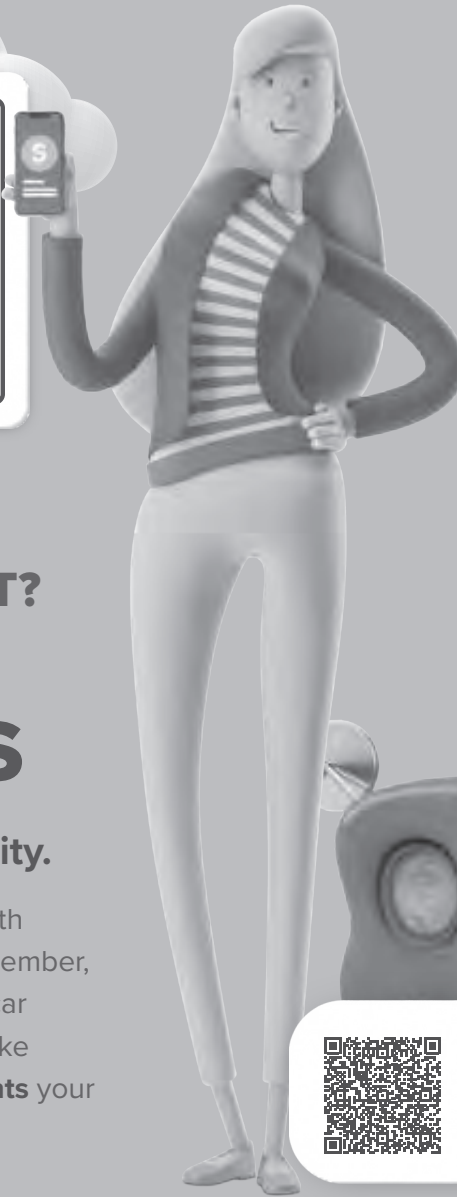
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# Armada Automotive Union Elections Coming in August

**GOOD DAY EVERYONE, I HOPE YOU ALL ARE DOING WELL** and as the title of this article states the Armada Automotive union elections are scheduled for Aug. 24, 2026. I encourage everyone whether you have been here for 25 years or you have only been here for one year that you would consider being a candidate for any of the positions in the upcoming election.

For those who wish to be nominated for a Union position a posting will go up on Aug. 3, 2026. The dates to submit your nomination are from 10am Monday, Aug. 10, 2026 to 10am Monday, Aug. 17, 2026. As a fellow union member's shirt says 'don't be the issue, be the solution'. For those of you who do not wish to be a candidate, get to know the candidates that are running in the election and participate by casting your vote. You have a voice in this membership and it is your right to choose who you think is the best candidate to represent you.

I would like to address overtime as per Article 11.05 in our Collective Bargaining Agreement. When filling known or unknown vacancies of three days or less (i.e. call-in, leaves etc.) created by an absence of a regular employee, the employer will firstly offer the vacancy as overtime for either early start or late stay to employee regularly performing the work in the classification prior to filling the vacancy, firstly by the backups, followed by the temporary transfers as per Article 11.01.

The company is partially following Article 11.06 by posting sign-up sheets for overtime for indirect labour but has yet to post a sign-up sheet for overtime for direct labour. The company says

they do not need to put up a sign-up sheet for overtime at this time because production does not require it, that they will reserve that for when production requirements go up. As for the indirect labour employees, ensure that you are signing yes or no on the sign-up sheet. If you sign yes on the overtime sign-up sheet and the company did not offer overtime the day before, please inform the Supervisor what form of communication you would prefer the day of if the company requires overtime, whether it be by text message or a phone call. Please make sure the company has your current contact information, this ensures the company is offering overtime when required.

Just a footnote, if you have signed up as 'yes' for overtime and the company feels it does not need to offer overtime, it is management's right to not offer the overtime. However if they decide to use a salary person, temporary transfer or backup instead of offering overtime then the company will be in violation of our CBA.

Heat readings are going to start to be taken as the warm weather is here. A copy of the Humidex Based Heat Response Plan is on the Unifor Bulletin Board. If you have any questions about heat reliefs please talk to your Supervisor and Health and Safety Reps on your respective shifts, a list of Union Reps is also on the Unifor bulletin Board.

Stay hydrated and I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer.

In Solidarity. 🍁



**Dan DeSousa**  
Armada Automotive Chairperson

## State of the Unit at Signify

The Signify side of the business continues to have many challenges maintaining consistent sales volume of their lighting products due to the economic uncertainty created by the undemocratic POTUS and his administration.

On the positive side, the Cooper Lighting business continues to see steady product sales and volume inbound/outbound. Once again, inflation is on the rise as a result of the POTUS and his administration deciding to directly target our sovereignty and the Canadian economy by imposing tariffs.

This POTUS has no regard for the rule of law, the U.S. Constitution, or international law. The unlawful military action taken by the POTUS has heightened inflation globally.



**Jim Johnston**  
Signify Chairperson

Unionized bargaining unit members as well as all Canadian workers and businesses have been detrimentally impacted by the imposition of tariffs and skyrocketing oil prices. Sisters and Brothers, we must stand together United. Buy Canadian and keep our ELBOWS UP. 🍁

## 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.**

If you leave a message when you phone, please make sure to include your badge/employee number, spell your last name, refer to your old address and leave the complete new address.

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# Retirees Chapter Update: A Summer of Solidarity and Celebration

## A Heartfelt Thank You

**TO ALL OUR UNIFOR RETIREES CHAPTER MEMBERS: THANK** you. The strength of our chapter relies entirely on the hard work and heart you put into our community. Whether you are supporting local food banks, participating in the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Durham programs, or hitting the links with our golfers, your impact is felt across the region.

Closer to home, our Union Hall remains a vibrant place because of you. From the competitive spirit at our pool and euchre tournaments to the energy in our dancing and yoga sessions, it is wonderful to see our members staying active and connected. Thank you for making these programs such a success.

## Save the Date: Appreciation Day at Ajax Downs

Please mark your calendars for late September! We are hosting our annual Appreciation Day at Ajax Downs. This event is our way of saying “thank you” for everything you do to keep this chapter thriving. It’s going to be a fantastic day of fun, food, and friendship. We can’t wait to see you there. See the back page of this *Oshaworker* for more details.

## Bargaining & Solidarity: Standing with Our Workers

As we look ahead, the upcoming contract negotiations are front and center. The schedule for the “Big Three” has been set:

- Ford: Negotiations begin June 22, 2026
- General Motors: Hopefully following Ford
- Stellantis: Scheduled third as long as GM is second



**Lyle Hargrove**

Unifor Local 222 Retirees' Chapter Chairperson

As retirees, we stand 100% behind the workers. Our strength is in our unity, and we will be there to support them every step of the way.

## Fighting for Fairness

The Retiree Chairpersons recently met in London with the Unifor Auto Councils to ensure our voices are heard during this round of bargaining. Our message is clear: Retirees must not be forgotten. We are pushing for a long-overdue increase in our pensions—the first significant movement since 2007—and we are adamant that this must include support for our surviving spouses.

## Get Involved

We have campaign buttons and letters available for pick-up at the hall. Please stop by, grab some materials, and help us spread the word. Let’s show everyone that our chapter is active, engaged, and ready to fight for what is fair.

## Wishing You a Great Summer

As the warmer weather arrives, we hope you take the time to relax and enjoy the season with your family and friends. You’ve earned it! 🍁

# Durham Health Coalition Keeping Busy Fighting Healthcare Privatization

**WE HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY SINCE OUR LAST ARTICLE.** WE attended a rally at the Ajax MP’s constituency office to bring attention to the federal government to protect our health care and make sure the provinces are following the Health Act by not sending funds to private clinics and to keep our services public.

We also attended a rally outside Lakeridge Health in Oshawa protesting the cuts to healthcare workers’ jobs. These cuts are hurting services to patients by overloading the health care workers workload and keeping them from doing their jobs in a properly.

There was another rally in Lindsay in front of Conservative MPP Linda Scott’s office to protest Doug Ford’s agenda on making health care services private, which could likely lead to extra billing for patients.

On May 28 there was a big healthcare rally at Queen’s Park. People from all around Ontario went by train to Toronto



**Lance Livingstone**

Durham Ontario Health Coalition Chairperson



**Ron Van De Walker**

Durham Ontario Health Coalition Member

to march up to Queen’s Park from Union Station.

We are in a battle in Ontario on the threat of privatization of our services which goes against the federal Canada Health Act and needs to be stopped. We as seniors cannot afford any extra costs to our healthcare as we are on a fixed income. This privatization will affect seniors so this needs to be stopped. Our governments must keep our healthcare services in the public sector clinics and hospitals where they belong. 🍁

# We Shall Remember

It is with great sadness that we note the passing of the following members:

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

Clifford W. Alldread	GM Retiree	Oshawa	May 5, 2026	Glenn S. Hughes	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Mar. 7, 2026
Blaine D. Alsop	GM Retiree	Lindsay	Mar. 5, 2026	Frank Kirzati	GM Retiree	Oshawa	May 2, 2026
William L. Ashby	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Feb. 6, 2026	Paul L. Landry	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Mar. 16, 2026
Paul W. Bowen	GM Retiree	Bowmanville	Mar. 9, 2026	Thomas G. Livingstone	GM Retiree	Newcastle	Mar. 17, 2026
Paul A. Camenzuli	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Apr. 12, 2026	John E. McMillan	GM Retiree	Minden	May 13, 2026
Sidney C. Carman	GM Retiree	Newtonville	Apr. 6, 2026	James B. Minaker	GM Retiree	Napanee	Feb. 26, 2026
Joseph B. Christl	GM Retiree	Hampton	Apr. 21, 2026	Stephen Nimigon	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Apr. 2, 2026
Herbert J. Clark	GM Retiree	Cobourg	Apr. 24, 2026	Eric S. Olmstead	GM Retiree	Whitby	Feb. 23, 2026
Karen L. Clement	GM Retiree	Bowmanville	Jan. 29, 2026	Lloyd J. Parker	GM Retiree	Oshawa	May 10, 2026
George E. Cochrane	GM Retiree	Port Perry	Feb. 18, 2026	Barton Paterson	GM Retiree	Ajax	Mar. 7, 2026
Garry W. Collins	GM Retiree	Janetville	Feb. 16, 2026	Raymond A. Patterson	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Mar. 6, 2026
Michael R. Cornell	GM Retiree	Bowmanville	Apr. 14, 2026	Calvin R. Pettit	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Apr. 22, 2026
Bonnie L. Coupland	GM Retiree	Cobourg	Mar. 6, 2026	Norman L. Poulton	GM Retiree	Norwood	May 8, 2026
Frank A. De Vos	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Apr. 9, 2026	Ottavio "Ben" Provenzano	GM Retiree	Courtice	Apr. 2, 2026
Arthur F. Eaton	GM Retiree	Lakefield	Mar. 19, 2026	Theodore K. Ring	GM Retiree	Campbellford	Feb. 26, 2026
Douglas J. Eyman	GM Retiree	Arden	Aug. 27, 2025	Reginald G. Robinson	GM Retiree	Bowmanville	Apr. 25, 2026
Jack A. Fee	GM Retiree	Omeme	Mar. 19, 2026	Robert S. Rosseau	GM Retiree	Orono	Mar. 6, 2026
Jamie Ferguson	AGS Retiree	Newtonville	Mar. 10, 2026	Gerard M. Savoie	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Apr. 18, 2026
Arthur T. Field	GM Retiree	Little Britain	Mar. 20, 2026	Lothar Schmid	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Feb. 22, 2026
Robert W. Flintoff	GM Retiree	Bowmanville	Mar. 11, 2026	Jarrold T. Scott	GM Active	Cobourg	Apr. 18, 2026
William J. Francis	GM Retiree	Cameron	Apr. 28, 2026	Lorne N. Sellick	GM Retiree	Whitby	Feb. 2, 2026
David A. Garrow	GM Retiree	Bowmanville	Dec. 28, 2025	Michael Senyk	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Feb. 25, 2026
Bruce E. Gilbert	GM Retiree	Lindsay	Feb. 26, 2026	Robert C. Steele	GM Active	Courtice	Mar. 5, 2026
William F. Goodchild	GM Retiree	Quinte West	Mar. 5, 2026	James B. Stephens	GM Retiree	Courtice	May 5, 2026
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John A. Heron	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Apr. 8, 2026	Rodney A. Yde	GM Retiree	Port Hope	Apr. 9, 2026
Thomas S. Hoar	GM Retiree	Grafton	Apr. 15, 2026	Robert A. Yoo	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Apr. 14, 2026

# Pierre Poilievre Actions Speak Louder than Words

WHILE COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD ARE IN turmoil politically and economically because of tariffs and war caused by the unpredictable actions of Donald Trump, it is time to reflect on what is happening politically in our own country.

While Prime Minister Carney has called for a new world order, critics see many of his actions as moving to the right rather than creating a centrist government that would be beneficial to all Canadians rather than the corporate elite. However, with the above mentioned turmoil it may be too early to tell if the actions of his government will help a large majority instead of just a few Canadians and corporations.

For many however what is interesting are recent statements, since the last federal election, by Pierre Poilievre towards working people and unions.

Prior to the election campaign he had an adversarial history toward unions and labour. Poilievre was as one of the loudest supporters of the anti-union Bill C-377, which tried to force Canadian labour unions to disclose all of their internal finances while big corporations would not have been subjected to the same rules.

He is also a major proponent of bringing US-style Right-to-Work laws to Canada, which weaken the labour movement by making it more difficult for unions to collect membership dues. In 2013 he stated: "I am the first federal politician to make a dedicated push toward this goal."

The Harper government, of which Poilievre was a member,



**Bob Linton**

Local 222 Retirees' Chapter Political Action Committee Chairperson

introduced back-to-work legislation six times and passed four of those bills into law. It also increased financial disclosure requirements for unions and mandated secret ballots for unionization- moves heavily criticized by labour groups and later repealed by the Liberals.

During and since the election he is trying to court unions and their members. While many blue-collar workers may have voted for Conservatives, analysis of the last election suggest that the swing to the Conservatives was a result of dissatisfaction with the Liberals especially under Trudeau, and NDP, rather than enthusiasm for Conservative labour policy.

While Poilievre may be trying to to court himself as a champion of working people many unions and workers are skeptical and believe his past actions in Parliament speak louder than his words today.

On behalf of the Political Action Committee members, Don Nicholls, Chris White, Tony Leah, Fred Taylor and myself, have a safe and happy summer spending time with friends and family. ♣



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# Great Start to the Season, New Golfers Welcome

WELL, WE HAVE started our season and Mother Nature has not cooperated with us thus far.



**Doug Heming**  
Chairperson Retirees Golf League

Warmer weather is just around the corner. Registration was a great success, with 16 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 12 and some great golf was played. Congratulations to the winning team of Bill Showler, Mike Pantalleresco and Dave Rafuse with a winning score of -7!

Special kudos to Dave Rafuse with his superhot putter! Good thing he had two, because he left one behind!

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](mailto:dwheming@gmail.com) or 905-243-4323.

See you on the links! 🍁



The Retirees Golf League held its first tournament at Ashbrook on May 12 and some great golf was played by Jack Whalen, Pete McCann, Rick Thiele and Steve Collins. Congratulations to the winning team Bill Showler, Mike Pantalleresco and Dave Rafuse.

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**JOIN THE YOUTH & Recreation Committees** for the Local 222 2026 Car Show on Sunday, June 14, 2026, at the Unifor Local 222 Union Hall in Oshawa! (Rain-date July 5, 2026).



**Samantha Chinelli**  
Local 222 Youth Member At Large

The event runs from 11am to 4pm and will feature vehicles competing across 13 different classes, with attendees able to vote on awards throughout the day. Feeling peckish? spend-ish? We've got plenty to relish! Vendors, and food trucks will also be on site, plus we're holding a 50/50 draw.

Admission is free for the public!

Vehicle pre-registration takes place at the Union Hall until June 5, 2026, between 9am and 3pm. Registration is cash only, \$10 per vehicle or \$25 which includes a limited-edition show hat. ♣

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GM Unit meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday each month at 3:00 pm (except July & August)

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# CAR SHOW 2026

Hosted by the Local 222 Youth & Recreation Committees

## Sunday, June 14, 2026

*Rain date Sunday, July 5, 2026*

### Vendors • Food Trucks

**Free Admission 11:00am to 4:00pm**

Unifor Local 222 Union Hall  
1-1425 Phillip Murray Ave. Oshawa

*Vote on Awards for 13 Classes of Vehicles • For info 905-220-4566*



**Vehicle Pre-Registration at the Union Hall  
May 19 to June 5, 2026 • 9:00am to 3:00pm**

**Cash only— \$10 or \$25 receives a Limited Edition Show Hat**

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# Golfing Provides Good Vibes and Good Times

SPRING IS OFF TO A GREAT START IN 2026 AND WE ARE only just getting warmed up! On April 19th we hosted another successful bean bag toss tournament at our hall. This event was packed with music, games and prizes all around. We had 24 teams competing on the floor, as well as a toonie toss competition and a 50/50 raffle. Special thanks to Keaton from Rude Rebel Cornhole for helping us run a successful tournament-style event!

Finally, after a cool and soggy spring, the sunshine made its debut out on the links for our second annual Local 222 Spring Championship golf tournament. Newcastle Golf & Country Club played host to our members, retirees, family and friends for an awesome round of golf on May 15th. The day started off with a bang as members checked in for their round with their teams, while also getting to pick up their new swag from Full Wedge Golf on site! Each player received a new golf polo and a can koozie of their choosing, making everyone a winner before they even teed off. Special thanks to Mack and the Full Wedge team for contributing to the success of this event.

With over 140 players competing, Newcastle Golf welcomed our Local 222 members with great conditions, food and drinks, as well as a spacious outdoor patio for us to enjoy the afternoon and give out some great awards and prizes.

**Male Longest Drive**, sponsored by Unifor Local 222 - Dylan Polifliet

**Male Closest to the Pin**, sponsored by Full Wedge Golf - Glenn Smith

**Female Longest Drive**, sponsored by Local 222 Women's Committee - Jackie Sobil

**Female Closest to the Pin**, sponsored by Local 222 Recreation Committee - Barbara Hems

Our tournament champions were presented with the Jeremy Pooler Memorial Trophy by our special guest in attendance, Brad May! Congratulations to our tournament winners Blaine Simpson, Shawn Shalla, Shawn Traz and Mark Whittaker posting an impressive -12 score. We would also like to give a special thanks to NFP Insurance and Brad May for attending this event and sponsoring the Hole-in-One contest!

Up next, your Local 222 Rec Committee is hosting its third annual "Blue Jays Social" on Friday, June 26th. The Blue Jays will take on the Texas Rangers for a City Connect game under the CN Tower amid the downtown lights! We have secured a private group section of the WestJet Flight Deck for our members to take in a great night at the ballpark. Register at the Union Hall - limited spots available. The flyer is elsewhere in the *Oshaworker* for the full details

Stay tuned for upcoming events from the Local 222 Recreation Committee and be sure to scan the QR code to join our Facebook page for announcements, contests and upcoming event information.

In Solidarity. 🍁



**Jason Matthews**  
Local 222 Recreation Committee Chairperson



Brad May (far right) as special guest from sponsor NFP Insurance presented the Jeremy Pooler Memorial Trophy to tourney winners Blaine Simpson, Shawn Shalla, Shawn Tarasewicz, Mark Whittaker, along with members of the Local 222 Recreation Committee Jason Matthews, Cory Wilson, Terry Cornish, Chris Chaulk, Ray Foote.

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# Unifor Local 222 Recreation Committee

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**City Connect  
Game Time  
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**Limit 100 people – first-come first-serve  
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Unifor Local 222 Recreation Committee: *Jason Matthews,  
Ryan Northam, Terry Cornish, Chris Chaulk,  
Nicolas "Gunner" Rowan, Raymond Foote, Cory Wilson*

# Update on the Efforts of Your Unifor Women's Advocates

**Karen Barker**  
Unifor Local 222 Women's Advocate

**A LOT HAS HAPPENED WITH THE ADVOCATES SINCE THE last issue was published.**

In addition to the Advocates' three day update at Port Elgin, there was the Durham Victim Services event regarding Human Trafficking, the Coldest Night of the Year walk (not so cold but very slippery), the Local 222 International Women's Day Brunch, BIWOC International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination event, Day of Mourning, Bethesda House Gala, Together for Survivors by SafeHope Home, Red Dress Day and Mother's Day Tea for the Durham Rape Crisis Centre.

At the International Women's Day brunch, the Advocates were acknowledged for the work we do and given a small gift from the Women's Committee.

In March we had a speaker from the John Howard Society. When you have a moment, look up all the incredible services they provide. We donated to Denise House and Y's Wish crafts and candy for the children for Easter and expanded our Advocate Network to include sisters from six Locals.

Congratulations to Sherry Fallis, the new Women's Advocate for GM who has already attended the 40-hour training in Port Elgin and the GM equity course. Wishing Maria Chinelli success in her Political Action roles with the Local and Unifor Ontario Regional Council.

In April our meeting was held at Local 975 in Scarborough, where we met with representatives from The Redwood and North York Women's Shelters. Both are amazing organizations that provide services to Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) survivors. We gave these organizations necklaces for the children to give their mothers for Mother's Day and gift cards for the women currently in their residence.

The Redwood helps women learn a trade in HVAC (Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning). This program allows these women to obtain an education towards a career in HVAC and earn a wage that allows them to provide a better life for themselves and their children.

North York Women's Shelter provides a safe haven for women and children fleeing IPV. They provide shelter and counselling along with many other supports that are needed when starting a new life free from violence.

In May the Advocates met to acknowledge Red Dress Day at Local 1090 followed by the Durham Victim Services Red Dress Walk.

During this meeting we watched some videos that provided a deeper insight into what is happening and why it is important



**Advocates with representatives from Redwood and North York Women's Shelter at Local 975.**



**Advocates at Local 1090 in Ajax observing Red Dress Day.**



**Advocates at Local 222 with Julia Fiddes from The Denise House**

to be involved in the solution. Sisters spoke of their experiences, read poems and supported each other. We also discussed the Moosehide Campaign which is a grassroots organization. Look it up at [moosehidecampaign.ca](http://moosehidecampaign.ca).

The Advocates supported the Denise House Celebration of Courage Gala on May 22; Safety Networks brain injury seminar on May 25; and are looking forward to Walk a Mile in Her Shoes for Bethesda House on June 13 and Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21.

June is Pride month with events in Durham on June 6, North Durham on June 20 and Toronto on June 28.

Hope to see some of you at the events listed. Until next issue have a safe and sunny summer. 🍁



**Advocates with the Local 222 Women's Committee at the International Women's Day brunch.**



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# Holding the Line: Workers United Against Violence and Privatization

AS WE MOVE OUT OF SPRING AND INTO THE SUMMER months, we wish all our members and their families a safe, restful and well-deserved season. Take the time to recharge and enjoy it with your loved ones.

At the same time, let's stay engaged. When we return, municipal elections will be approaching on Oct. 26—an important opportunity to make our voices heard in our communities. Make sure you are registered and ready to vote, because every vote matters. Our strength doesn't stop at the workplace—it carries into every level of decision-making that affects our lives.

That same commitment to action is what continues to drive the work of your Political Mobilization Committee.

Recently, we participated in lobbying efforts at Queen's Park alongside Unifor's Women's Department and allies from across the province. We met directly with MPPs to demand action on Bill 55: legislation calling for intimate partner violence (IPV) to be declared an epidemic in Ontario.

This is urgent.

Intimate partner violence is not isolated. It is widespread, escalating and costing lives. Declaring IPV an epidemic is not just a label; it is a necessary step to ensure real action, proper resources, and accountability.

Yet, the current Conservative government continues to downplay the crisis by calling it "endemic." That distinction matters.

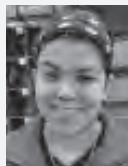
## Epidemic vs. Endemic

**Epidemic:** A rapidly-growing crisis that requires urgent, coordinated intervention.

**Endemic:** An ongoing issue that is often treated as expected or normalized.

The reality is that intimate partner violence should never be normalized. It demands immediate action to prevent further loss of life.

At the same time, we continue the fight to defend our public healthcare system.



**Maria Chinelli**

Union in Politics  
Committee



**Jamar Henry**

Union in Politics  
Committee



**John McVey**

Union in Politics  
Committee

This is not new for our Local.

Two years ago, we stood together in opposition to healthcare privatization during the fight against Bill 60. We raised our voices then, and we are raising them again now because the threats to public healthcare have not gone away.

We have been fighting. And we will not stop.

On May 28, 2026, a major rally took place at Queen's Park in Toronto to push back against healthcare privatization and defend our public system. This is a critical moment for workers to stand together once again.

Because the reality is clear, the current government is making choices that are costing people in many ways.

People are waiting in over-crowded hospitals. Workers are stretched beyond limits. Families are feeling the impact. And at the same time, people are not safe in their own homes.

These are not separate issues. They are connected by a failure to put people first.

But across Ontario, people are pushing back—and so are we.

We have been fighting for years.

We are still fighting today.

And we will continue fighting because Ontario deserves better and our members deserve better.

We will keep building that collective strength until real action is taken to protect people in our homes, our hospitals, and our workplaces.

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# UNION ELECTION RESULTS

## Local-Wide Standing Committees

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McCARTNEY, Starlee  
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Committee**  
MAYNE-HASLAM,  
Sammie  
COOPER, Bryan  
McNEIL, Christine  
WILLIAMS, Jason L.  
GALLAGHER, Adam  
**ACCLAIMED**

**Election Committee**  
SIMPSON, Jake  
ELMHURST-DODD,  
Tanya  
DELAIRE, Sally  
**ACCLAIMED**

**Environment  
Committee**  
CHINELLI, Samantha  
**ACCLAIMED**

**Youth Committee**  
SUTTON, Dave  
YURKOSKI, Mikhail  
**ACCLAIMED**

**Human Rights  
Committee**  
Five (5) to be elected  
MOFFATT, Kim  
HUDSON, Janice  
FERTILE, Gary  
DORASAMY, Gavin  
DUNFORD,  
Ashley.lynn  
**ACCLAIMED**

**Recreation  
Committee**  
FOOTE, Ray  
ROWAN, Nicolas  
Gunner  
WILSON, Cory  
CORNISH, Terry  
MATTHEWS, Jason  
NORTHAM, Ryan  
**ACCLAIMED**

**Political  
Mobilization  
Committee**  
CHINELLI, Maria  
McVEY, John  
HENRY, Jamar  
**ACCLAIMED**

**Women's  
Committee**  
ARCHER, Charlyn  
BARKER, Karen  
FALLIS, Sherry  
SARGENT, Lorna  
MASTRANGELO,  
Lisa  
HUBBELL, Ann  
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**– Positions take effect April 1, 2026 –**

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**ATTENTION**

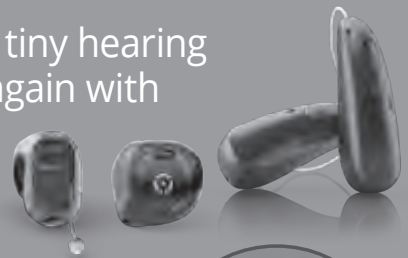
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# BIWOC Committee Created a Memorable Spring with its Fundraising Efforts

**HELLO, UNIFOR FAMILY, AS WE TRANSITION INTO THE SUMMER** break. Our Local 222/1090 BIWOC committee International Day event on March 21 was a huge success, considering the third shift exit at GM and its supplier unit reductions. Our BIWOC-themed market blossomed with many Unifor members and their families in attendance to support our initiative. It was a solid afternoon with numerous speakers, numerous vendors to browse, food, raffle prizes and entertainment, all in support of fundraising for the Durham Community Health Centre. Our donation partnership with the centre over the years has allowed them to further the goals of their Black and Indigenous food security program. Many thanks to Unifor National delegates, regional dignitaries and many volunteers who made this day so special!

On a global scale, Unifor National released a Facebook petition, along with a pledge letter from the Local 222 Retirees' chapter to the Canadian government reaffirming their position with Cuba. Canada has long held opposition to the illegal and inhuman U.S. economic blockade against Cuba, and to provide immediate humanitarian assistance to the people of Cuba, to allow essential services to flow.

With food, energy and medicine shortages since being blocked by the U.S. embargo, the loss of economic and social development has affected Cuban workers and their families. This "humanitarian assistance" has filtered all the way down to Locals, including Local 222, as union voices are acknowledged and action taken. Our Local 222/1090 BIWOC committee presented our own pledge letter to our Local 222 Executive Board, in support of ending this fuel blockade. The intent is to harness support from other Locals and government officials across Canada, to restore democracy to the Cuban economy. Canada must also continue these talks with other countries, to mitigate any further harm to the Cuban economy.

May 5 was Red Dress Day. This Remembrance Day is for solidarity for the missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirited people (MMIWG2S). Unifor is passionate about tackling the injustice issues committed against this group. We ask that you support this call to action every year by wearing red and attending an event in your area.

Our Local 222/1090 BIWOC committee hosted a luncheon to reflect on this all-important day. The committee concurrently presented a \$2500 cheque to the Durham Community Health Centre, to allow them to sustain their Black and Indigenous food bank program. Our partnership has never been stronger helping those in need.

Our 2026 BIWOC conference is on the weekend of June 12-14 at Port Elgin. The theme of The Power of Us: Status, Safety and Solidarity will build connection, strengthen leadership and confirm our collective power within our union.

I'd 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. 🍁



## Darrell Colley

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



**Organizers of the March 21st Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination** included Ferne Jones, Jackie Marin, Wes Thompson, Maria Chinelli, Janice Hudson, Darrell Colley, Gavin Dorasamy, Tonya Carnegie, Missy McDougall, Dane Johnson, Clive Deonairine, Juan Vazquez, Kyla Quilty-Piccott, Abner Manio, Cameron Crosby, Charlyn Archer, Lloyd Thompson and Rowena Hamilton.



**The Committee used Red Dress Day as an opportunity to present the donation from the March 21st event to the Durham Community Health Centre, with Ferne Jones, Rowena Hamilton, Lloyd Thompson, Clive Deonairine, Colin James, DCHC Associate Vice President, Development, Communications and Fundraising Diane Raymond-Watts, NEB BIWOC Member-at-Large Sharlene Henry, Charlyn Archer, Darrell Colley, Maria Chinelli, Dane Johnson, Abner Manio, Gavin Dorasamy, DCHC event coordinator Monica Agaton and Janice Hudson.**

## Union Visits

**For those in Lakeridge Health Oshawa only:  
Anyone wishing a visit by the Retirees'  
Sick & Visiting Committee should call the  
Retirees Chapter at 905-728-8600.**

**This applies to both active and retired  
members of Unifor Local 222.**

# Environment Committee get Hands-On During 2026 Mayor Cleanup Days

THE LOCAL 222 ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HAS CONTINUED its participation in Oshawa community cleanup initiatives this spring, helping support environmental efforts throughout the city.

Committee members first took part in the Communities with Brooms cleanup held on Earth Day, where volunteers helped clean public spaces in downtown Oshawa. The committee also participated in the Oshawa Mayor's Community Cleanup on May 9 alongside other volunteers and community organizations.

## Upcoming Cleanups:

- June 20, 9 to 11am City Hall, North Parkette 50 Centre St. S.
- Sept. 12, 9 to 11am Second Marsh McLaughlin Bay Trails Public Parking, Oshawa

Thank you to all committee members and volunteers who have continued to support these efforts and help keep Oshawa clean! Your time makes a difference in local parks, green spaces, trails and schoolyards.

In Solidarity. 🍁



**Samantha Chinelli**

Local 222 Environment Committee Chairperson



# Steve's Leather Wins "A" Championship

CONGRATULATIONS TO STEVE'S LEATHER FOR THEIR FIRST "A" Championship in a long long time. They won the Ron Gay "A" Championship trophy. It took a changing of the guard to pull off the win. Tommy Pohjolainen (Team Rep), who replaced former rep Chuck Bickle for Steve's Leather had his team all fired up for the finals. The only problem they faced was the Big Blue Machine, who won the Eric "Sea Dog " Smith President Cup. Steve's Leather won two games in the round robin to get to the "A" Finals while Big Blue Machine only won one game. Tommy had the "A" in the palm of his hand. All the players knew who really was running the team. Chuck had his hands in everything, he just had to win to get over last year's defeat. They were playing Durham Medical who also won two games in the round robin.

Steve's Leather beat Brick Emerson's Durham Medical team in the round robin just to show who was better. All the fans were cheering Durham Medical hoping for an upset but to no avail. Steve's Leather was just a powerhouse, winning two games straight. Steve's Leather had the top three defensemen in the league plus Rodney Boone, what a team. In all honesty, from all the guys congrats to Steve's Leather on their "A" Finals win.

Congratulations to the "Big Blue Machine" for winning the "B" Championship. Rep, Cory McGraw had his team going from the drop of the puck in the first game. Big Blue Machine shut out Molson A+ Home Design in the first game and had only one goal scored against in the second. Goaltending was not a



**John Perrault**

Unifor Local 222 Truck-Car Hockey League

problem for this team and everyone bought into Cory's system. With only one fan cheering for the Big Blue Machine it was all worth it. All the players had a season-ending party upstairs at the bar. A great time was had by all. Thanks for the staff and all their help. Great job.

Wing Night was held at the Courtyard in Courtice on Feb. 19th. It was a huge success with almost 50 guys and some sponsors attending. Over 90 lbs of wing were served. Charlie Edwards, Bob Taylor, Tommy Pohjolainen and Cory McGraw were in the Wing Eating Contest. Each guy had two lbs of wings. First guy to eat all the wings wins. This year Steve's Leather gave out golf shirts to the guys. Cory McGraw won for the BBM in the time of under 10 minutes. This year it was a messy eating contest but the guys had fun.

## Last Games of Regular Season

### Feb. 24

Durham Medical 3 / Molson A+ Home Design 1  
Big Blue Machine 10 / Steve's Leather 2

## First Games of the Round Robin

### Feb. 26

Durham Medical 3 / Big Blue Machine 0  
Steve's Leather 4 / Molson A+ Home Design 1

**March 3**

Molson A+ Home Design 5 / Big Blue Machine 3  
Steve's Leather 6 / Durham Medical 4

**March 5**

Durham Medical 2 / Molson A+ Home Design 0  
Big Blue Machine 6 / Steve's Leather 3

Top Four Players Round Robin	G	A	Pts
Steve's Leather: Tommy Pohjolainen	2	6	8
Durham Medical: Gary Beedham	2	5	7
Big Blue Machine: Cory McGraw	3	1	4
Molson A+ Home Design: Martin Harris	3	1	4

**Top Three Stars Round Robin**

**Steve's Leather**, Tommy Pohjolainen with one first and one second star.

**Durham Medical**, Blaine Corriveau, one first and one third star.

**Big Blue Machine**, Cory Patfield with two first stars.

**Molson A+ Home Design**, Chris Scott with one second star.

**Playoffs**

**March 24**

"B" Finals Big Blue Machine 4 / Molson A+ Home Design 0

"A" Finals Steve's Leather 4 / Durham Medical 1

**March 26**

"B" Finals Big Blue Machine 3 / Molson A+ Home Design 1

"A" Finals Steve's Leather 7 / Durham Medical 3

Top Four Players Playoffs	G	A	Pts
Steve's Leather: Dylan Lacroix	3	2	5
Big Blue Machine: Mike Guadet	3	0	3
Durham Medical: Gary Beedham	1	1	2
Molson A+ Home Design: Mike Cole	1	0	1

**Playoffs MVP "B" Finals-Number 1 Goalie**

"A" Finals-Number 9, Trevor Desjardins

**Honourable mentions Round Robin & Finals:**

**Steve's Leather**, Tommy Pohjolainen with three goals and seven assists for 10 point.

**Durham Medical**, Gary Beedham with two goals and seven assists for nine points.

**Big Blue Machine**, Rick Weiler with three goals and four assists for seven points.

**Molson A+ Home Design**, Scott McCullough with three goals and one assist for four points.

**Big Blue Machine** had two shutouts and Steve Skene had two shutouts. Way to go guys.

"A" Champ Chuck Bickle, Steve Wilson, Dave King and I would like to thank all who work behind the scenes at the rink, upstairs at the bar and in management (Corey Gillies). Corey works on our scheduling and contract for the Truck/Car Hockey League. The reps and us thank you all very much. Chuck, Steve, Dave and I would also like to thank the sponsors for helping us out again this year. Thanks to Mark Mapes for looking after the refs again. Mike Kozer and Mario Barbra were excellent this year. Just ask the players. LOL. The refs took control of the games all year and in the playoffs, nothing got out of hand. Great job and thanks again.



**A Champions - Steve's Leather**



**B Champions - Big Blue Machine**

Looks like we will need players for next year. Some of the spares want to play full time which is great for the league. The start for next year should be Oct. 13, 2026. It is the second week of nights guys so keep it in mind.

Reps,"B" Champ Cory McGraw (Big Blue Machine) 289-688-2863,"A" Champ" Tommy Pohjolainen (Steve's Leather) 905-375-4973, Charlie Edwards (Molson A+ Home Design) 416-902-7713 and Brick Emerson (Durham Medical) 905-441-3155. Anyone who would like to play next year please contact them at any time. Don't forget we are on Shift 2 when on afternoons (nights).

Well it's over for another year, I hope everyone had a great year and will be back next year. The Truck/Car Hockey League has been going for a long time. Some of us have been playing since 1977. WOW. It's nice to see the young guys come and keep the league going. Thanks again. See you all next year, have a great summer and stay safe.

Players keep your stick on the ice and goalies the puck out. 🍁



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18" alloy wheels from 2009 Vibe GT 5x114.3 60.1mm centre bore with lugs and 215/45R18 tires \$600. Call: 905-922-4426

Snowblower Sears used very little, very good condition \$400 or best offer. Call: 289-928-5138

2014 Polaris Razor side by side 800cc runs great new trailer, helmets, cover flares, full windshield \$11,700. Call: 905-697-1630

Women's petite Adams Hybrid golf clubs hardly used, bought new Golf T, own \$700 sell for \$150 cash, with push cart. Call: 905-728-5964

GMT 800 Truck Team Oshawa, winter coat, medium never worn \$125. Call: 905 428 3661

Sears Kenmore sewing machine with table, all accessories plus electric scissors. Call: 905-668-8022

Set of winter Michelin tires on 17" rims, fits 2019 to 2026 Terrain or Equinox, \$700 like new, leave a message. Call: 905-576-7830

Blue Jays season tickets, Section 517 Row 3 x2; Section 517 Row 4 x2. Call: 416-822-5252

2004 Skidoo G/T 380 electric start, grip heaters etc.; 2005 Yamaha Venture 1000ccc, extras; 12 ft Avalanche enclosed trailer, many extras. Call: 905-242-3379

United Steel Workers of America garment bag. Blue in colour with logo on it, located in Lindsay. Call: 705-324-8598

2 Canon electric downriggers, 4 cannon balls, 2 bases, all in good condition \$800; 100L ice cooler \$125. Call: 905-623-4807

Trailer 2008 sunroom put on it 2022 with shed \$20,000, call Keith to view. Call: 905-213-6438

Assorted unicorn collection ceramic, brass, porcelain, plates, some or all, over 40 pieces. Call: 905-243-1966

Very rare black and cream Colourway prototype of an Autumn Breezes Royal Doulton figurine with no numbers or glaze on the boom of the flat foot base. This is a museum piece. \$30,000 firm. Call: 289-251-3350

Dry suit M-L \$550; 22ft ladder extension Alum. \$25 Call: 905-683-4177

## WANTED

Looking for a carpool for Shift 2 from Cobourg to work. Call: 289-886-1679

Older Gibson or Fender guitar or amp. Working or not. Will pickup and pay cash. Call: 905-576-0060



## MEETINGS

The **General Membership** meeting is held at 3 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month except July & August.

The **General Motors Unit** meeting is held at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month except July & August.

The **Retirees' Chapter** meeting is held at 1 p.m. on the first Monday of every month except July & August.

**All meetings are held at the Unifor Local 222 Union Hall 1425 Phillip Murray Ave., Oshawa**



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NOTE: THERE IS A 20 WORD LIMIT (ONLY), NON-BUSINESS AD, ONE AD PER MEMBER

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Your advertisement can be delivered to the Unifor Local 222 Union Hall at 1425 Phillip Murray Avenue, Oshawa, Ontario L1J 8L4; OR by fax to 905-436-9515; OR by email to local222@local222.ca





The Unifor Durham-POWER Centre team at the Local 222 Union Hall is ready to assist laid-off members following the official opening on June 2, 2026. From left are Peer Helper Matt, Coordinator Steph, Coordinator Ella, Peer Helper Nathan and Coordinator Ryan.

## **Unifor-Durham POWER Centre now open**

Unifor received approval from the Ontario Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development to open a Unifor-Durham POWER (*Protect Ontario Workers Employment Response*) Centre. The Coordinators and Peer Helpers assist members of Unifor Local 222 impacted by the elimination of the 3rd shift at General Motors Oshawa. Members are guided through the process of writing resumes and job searches through workshops and individual help sessions.

Open Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm  
1-1425 Phillip Murray Ave. Oshawa L1J 8L4  
905-576-2653



# RETIREES APPRECIATION DAY

## Wed., Sept. 23, 2026

*Where:* Ajax Downs & Casino  
50 Alexander's Crossing, Ajax

*Time:* 12 noon to 4:00 pm

**Registration Deadline Friday, Sept. 11th**

**Avoid disappointment!** Sign up with the Union Hall  
905-723-1187 ASAP Monday to Friday 8 am to 3 pm

*Due to catering requirements no names are taken after Sept. 11th*

★ **Catered Lunch** ★ **Door Prizes**

★ **Classic Car Show** ★ **Live Horse Racing**



**Spouses Welcome!**

**Free Admission**

**Free Parking**

*Car Show Entry Info*

*Bill Homes 705-799-0737*

*Pat Brown 905-579-1012*