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Labour Day a Time to Reflect on Everything Our Labour Movement Has Achieved

AT THE TIME OF WRITING THIS ARTICLE, THE NEWS media is reporting that Canada's lead negotiators feel as though we are close to securing a trade deal with the United States. The details are yet to be confirmed, but Local 222 anxiously awaits confirmation that a fair-trade agreement has been reached. A trade agreement that will allow key sectors to the Canadian economy to not only survive, but thrive. The auto sector, along with steel, aluminum, lumber, agriculture and the broader manufacturing sector support a healthy, prosperous province and country. Any deal that does not protect these vital sectors will weaken our economy. Presently we are experiencing an affordability crisis. Rent, mortgage payments, fuel, food, taxes are putting unprecedented pressure on our families. We need our Prime Minister to do what he promised, period.

GM negotiations

At **Oshaworker** deadline, Local 222 is in negotiations with General Motors. An agreement has not been reached as of writing.

Labour Day

As we approach Labour Day here in Canada, let's remember the past sacrifices working Canadians made. The Canadian Labour Day movement began 154 years ago with simultaneous strikes in Toronto and Hamilton that forced our then-Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald, to legalize unions, leading to official holiday status in July of 1894 to honour worker's rights. Whether you choose to gather with fellow workers, or spend the day with your family and loved ones, that is your choice. Just take a moment and reflect on what our unions have achieved. This could not happen without you.

AGS Automotive is currently in bargaining and Local 222 will have more to report next issue.



Jeff Gray
Unifor Local 222 President



Left to right: Kevin Adams, Chris Waugh and Jeff Fleury



Left to right: Jeff Wood and Brian Troke



Left to right: Jeff Gray, Jeff Wood and Jenn Cowie



Jeff Gray and Brian Nicholls

Annual Retiree Appreciation Day

Local 222 is in full support of our brothers and sisters at Local 1090. Our 1090 brothers and sisters are currently on strike against their employer at the Ajax/Pickering casinos and the Unifor security unit at the Woodbine location. This strike is entering its third week at the time of writing this article. This will directly impact the retirees' event planned for Sept. 23.

Solidarity to Local 1090! 🍀

Local 222 Bolstering the Pickets for Pickering Casino Members

The Local 222 Flying Squad were on the picket lines in Ajax & Pickering to stand by the 900 Sisters and Brothers of Local 1090 on strike in August, taking action to gain a fair contract with improved wages and job security.

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Wow Our Summer Went By So Fast...

I DON'T RECALL A SUMMER GOING BY AS FAST AS IT HAS this year, but here we are already in September. I hope every member of Local 222 had a safe and enjoyable summer.

We did some regular maintenance around the Union Hall recently. Those of you who have been to the Hall lately will appreciate the potholes getting filled in. We had the lot cleared of old asphalt, old litter that had been laying around the outer edges picked up and generally swept to make it look better. The parking lot at the Hall is used by way too many non-members who don't respect our property. We've done the best we can at policing its use, but with having the walking trail right beside us and the green space behind us we do attract a lot of people who use our parking lot like its their own.

From a financial standpoint, we are showing a deficit in the second quarter of \$79,503.23, but we are maintaining a surplus for the year of \$44,000. We, the Local 222 Executive Board, continue to make sound fiscal decisions on behalf of the membership.

Unifor Canadian Council took place Aug. 28-30 in Ottawa. Local 222 was well represented with elected delegates to be the voice of your workplaces as well as the Retirees Chapter.

I would like to give a shout out to the Unifor Local 222 Flying Squad. These members have stood up and assisted striking Unifor Local 1090 members at Casino Ajax and Pickering. We have called upon the Flying Squad a few times in the last year



Rob Romano

Unifor Local 222 Financial Secretary

and without hesitation these folks drop everything to help bolster the picket lines.

In Solidarity. 🍁



The Local 222 Flying Squad on the Casino picket lines.



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Financial Report Balance Sheet as at June 30, 2026

Total Receipts	\$ 1,384,359.36
Total Expenses	\$ 1,463,862.59
Q2 Deficit	(\$79,503.23)

Unifor Local 222 Balance Sheet as at June 30, 2026

ASSETS

Current Assets

Bank	449,096.43
GIC's	3,370,556.81
Accounts receivables	392,001.58
Prepaid expenses	17,777.24
Future pension benefit	503,100.00
Total Current Assets	4,732,532.06

Fixed Assets

Land	615,195.00
Buildings	1,529,819.67
Total Fixed Assets	2,145,014.67
TOTAL ASSETS	\$6,877,546.73

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payables	985,891.91
Accrued Liabilities	(21,851.08)
Charitable Deductions	1,170.00
Skilled Trades Dues Payable	1,999.51
Retired Members' Fund	323,578.70
Deferred Revenue	27,084.00
Obligation for post-employment benefits	1,993,800.00

Total Current Liabilities 3,311,673.04

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$3,311,673.04

EQUITY

NET ASSETS

Net Assets	3,521,641.20
Surplus	44,232.49

TOTAL NET ASSETS 3,565,873.69

TOTAL EQUITY \$3,565,873.69

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY \$6,877,546.73



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Articles will return in December

We're Going From Sunshine to Sweaters Season

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME EVERYONE BACK, WE HOPE you all had a safe and happy summer spent with family and friends. The past few months have flown by in a blur of activity, events and fast-paced schedules. As the calendar turns and the air begins to crisp a shift is on the horizon. Fall is officially on the way.

As we transition into our fall routines, returning to school is an exciting time of year but the cost of school supplies can place a heavy financial burden on many families. With a big thanks to the membership at GM and their incredible generosity, our backpack program was a huge success again this year. In September we dropped off and donated over 75 fully-stocked backpacks and essential school supplies to Simcoe Hall Settlement House. A backpack is more than just a place to hold books; it is a tool for academic success and self-esteem. By providing these items to those in need we are investing in the future of our community, and we couldn't do it without you.

Let us not forget that October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, where every ribbon tells a story of courage and every survivor is a symbol of strength. To stand up for those fighting we would like to ask everyone to wear pink on Wednesdays to show their support. Men's Breast Cancer Awareness week is observed from Oct. 17-23 and on Oct. 4, we will be participat-



Michelle Kimble

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



Sherry Fallis

GM Women's Advocate

ing in the GM Oshawa Run for the Cure. The event takes place at Lakeview Park in Oshawa. If you are interested in joining our team or want to donate, please contact us. If you have a GMIN then GM will match your donation dollar-for-dollar.

As we step into a new season, we remain dedicated to standing beside you and advocating for a workplace where every voice is valued, respected and heard. Your voice matters so never hesitate to come forward, ask questions and share your concerns. All calls are kept confidential and have a strict no-retaliation policy.

Let us always try to be kind to each other.

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GM Retirees Costing Themselves by not Notifying GM of a Spouse's Death

WE ARE VERY AWARE OUR GM RETIREES, IN TIMES OF stress, may not think of the paperwork that needs to be processed upon the passing of their spouse, whether they're married or common-law.

If there has been a spouse declared as a dependent when a GM member retires, and the retiree is receiving a monthly pension, there is a deduction every month that goes towards a Surviving Spouse Pension should the member die first.

Come to the Union Hall or call the Hall for help; it is extremely important for GM to be informed of the passing of a spouse so that deduction can be removed from the monthly pension.

Why are we writing about this now? A recent extreme example occurred for a Local 222 GM retiree. Neither the retiree nor their family notified the GM Canada Benefits Centre that the spouse had passed away.

The family only discovered the ramifications of this when a surviving spouse pension was deposited in the bank the month after the retiree had died.

Calculated on the number of years between when the spouse died and when the retiree passed away, the retiree had \$14,000+



Mike Rafuse

Service Representative



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Alternate Service Representative

deducted from their pension that could have been going in their pocket instead.

In addition to helping with the death notification, the Local 222 Service Reps will also help with changing the beneficiary following the death of a spouse.

It's completely understandable during the grieving process that no one thinks about the dollars and cents of the spouse pension cost.

However, especially for those on a fixed income in today's economy, that spouse pension deduction needs to be officially ended. Retirees—please ensure your family knows this deduction is coming off your pension and is dealt with accordingly. (This does not apply to those who retired with an annuity or a commuted value.)

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First Local 222 Car Show a Success

BROTHERS AND SISTERS,

I would like to thank everyone who attended the Unifor Local 222 Car Show on July 5, 2026. Our Youth and Recreation Committees did an outstanding job organizing the event. It was great to see so many of our members bring out their cars and trucks and enjoy the day with their fellow members.

We were fortunate to have great weather, along with food trucks and other vendors on site. I would also like to thank Mike Pantalleresco for DJing the event and helping make it a great day. Hopefully, we can make this an annual event.

Municipal elections are coming up on Oct. 26, 2026, and it is very important that everyone gets out and votes. There are many candidates running, so take the time to learn about them and what they stand for.

When deciding who to vote for, remember that the number of selfies a candidate posts on social media does not determine whether they are the best candidate. Instead, look at their platform, policies, and what they are proposing to do for the community.

Unfortunately, political sensationalism on social media has become the norm. Personally, I find it is best to avoid the countless political commentary pages because of the bots, trolls and misinformation that can influence people's opinions.

With the massive increase in the use of AI, we are also seeing more false information and half-truths circulating online. Some people do this simply for attention, while others do it to generate clicks and profits.

I remember reading an article about someone posting support for the Alberta separatist movement. It turned out that the person making the posts was a noodle vendor from Indonesia who was profiting from the attention by exploiting the Facebook algorithm. Stories like this are a good reminder that we should always consider the source of what we see online and do our own research before accepting something as fact.

Remember: if information has not been posted by the Unifor/GM Shop Committee on its official Facebook page or provided on a signed leaflet, disregard it. You will often hear or read plenty of doom and gloom during bargaining. It is important not to let rumours and speculation create unnecessary concern.

If you read through the comments on the Unifor Canada Facebook page, you will also see plenty of trolling and opinions from



Dave Sutton

The Oshaworker Editor



Left to right: Timi Watson, Kevin Kunkel, Tanya Elmhurst and Shawn Crowell



people who have little or no knowledge of the auto industry. With more than 40,000 followers on the page, it can be difficult for the administrators to moderate all of the comments and keep misinformation under control.

The best thing we can do is rely on information from trusted and official sources and avoid getting caught up in rumours, speculation, and social-media commentary.

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See Management on the Line at TFT, Call the Union

SISTERS AND BROTHERS. I HOPE YOU ALL HAD A GREAT summer and enjoyed your short time off on holidays.

Starting work early when you're not getting paid doesn't help you in the long run, because if you leave your work area early, this company will still discipline you.

The Company is looking for cost savings, what better way than to cut this Membership instead of the management side. We all feel overworked and do not have enough time to complete the job.

Material handlers, please slow down and make sure that you take your time to do your job safely. Follow your tablet and SOI correctly and if you don't have one or don't know what that is, ASK. Your AL should get it for you. If you don't have the tools to do your job, you're risking getting disciplined.

I have been told that you will not be disciplined for the line going down if you follow your Tablet and are safely doing so. Following your tablet means, whatever part comes up first is the first part you bring. Make sure to bring the empty back to the proper location, clear the call and on to the next one.

Please, I can't stress this enough. Don't rush. Don't pass Segrids, honk and wait for the wave of all pedestrians. We all want to go home healthy to our families.

We are waiting patiently on a 3rd step meeting to deal with some major contractual disagreements.

The Union can't be everywhere at once. Please, if something has been changed on your job, call the union rep. If you see management doing Union work, please call your rep to let them know. This helps us to call back people that are on layoff.

Safety should be everyone's #1 priority.

I am a very busy person, if you call me and can't get me, please call again later or the next day. Once again, I am only a phone call away: 289-423-6176 | unionchair@tftglobal.com

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Kirk Sanders
TFT Global Chairperson

Don't Skip Steps When It Comes to Working Safely at TFT Global

SISTERS AND BROTHERS,

I hope everyone had a great holiday. They go by far too fast. We finally are getting fans to all cells. If you are still without one or need your fan adjusted, please contact your AL and your Health and Safety Rep.

We are hearing from many people that if they follow their work instructions, they will shut the line down so they must rush or cut corners or skip steps to finish their jobs. Unfortunately, all too often we hear that after an accident has happened.

The order of importance should always be: Health and Safety, Quality and then The Line. Work instructions can't be fixed if steps are skipped. That shows the company the job can be done. When steps get skipped and an accident

occurs, all TFT will do is discipline.

Prove the job can't be done by following the instructions, then change will happen. Follow your work instructions. If the line goes down and you are doing what you were instructed to do, the onus shifts to TFT, not you!

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At Work for a New AGS Automotive Collective Agreement

HELLO MEMBERS,

Congratulations to Dwayne Cardinal on his recent retirement with the company. Dwayne spent nearly 45 years with AGS as an electrician and previously served the membership as a Health and Safety Rep. We would like to wish Dwayne a happy and prosperous retirement as he begins the next chapter of his life.

I write this article from the Local 222 Union Hall in the midst of our negotiations with the company. Talks are progressing slowly but surely. As expected, the company is focusing on correcting the high rate of absenteeism in the plant. We again would like to remind members to cover their absences with documentation to avoid receiving discipline. If you are struggling with life issues, the company offers an Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Our EAP offers such services as counselling and self-help tools. If you are struggling with drug or alcohol dependency issues, we encourage you to reach out to our Substance Abuse Representative, Jeff Milley. For those experiencing mental health issues that prevent you from attending work, or if you require an accommodation under the Human Rights Code, please speak with a member of the committee so we can offer appropriate help or services. We want to see everyone be able to come to work and go home safely.



Isaac Crawford

AGS Automotive Chairperson

We would also like to make members aware that the company has made recent changes to its payroll system. These changes have already resulted in some issues with pay. We would encourage everyone to double-check their weekly pay for any inaccuracies and notify the company or the union if there are issues.

A recent topic of discussion has been the use of Personal Floater (PPH) days. A reminder that the process for utilizing PPH's is outlined in our contract. Please ensure that if you are calling in to use a PPH that you follow the criteria spelled out in the language. This includes having a valid reason and providing proof of entitlement in order to receive pay for the requested day(s).

By the time you read this, we are hopeful that we will have newly ratified a fair and equitable collective agreement. We had a positive turnout for the strike vote in August which gives this committee the tools it needs to go to work for our members.

A reminder that if members need to speak with us, we are available on the dayshift in the office, or you can reach us at isaacc@agsautomotive.com, larryd@agsautomotive.com, or at my extension 6403.

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Union Gaining Improvements for Members Working Hours.

I HOPE EVERYONE HAD A GREAT SUMMER.

The September board period for Operations will have started by the time this article is released. The September Operations boards show some significant improvements, in the increased amount of five-day straight shifts, four-day short splits, and an overall decrease in longer splits.

While the boards show that work planning is improving with the assistance of the Union Review Committee, the boards still do not fully reflect what was bargained regarding starting and finishing at the same location. We have filed a grievance concerning this violation, and at the time of writing, it is at Step 2 of the grievance procedure.

The Union for the September board period was able to get the Service Department two additional 10-hour shifts. At the time of writing, we are also discussing the possibility of obtaining more weekends off.

The Maintenance Department grievance concerning the \$1.00 skilled-trade premium has proceeded to mediation, which is the next step in the grievance procedure. At the



Ian Sinnott

Durham Region Transit Chairperson

time of writing, no determination has been made regarding the outcome.

Regarding seatbelts on conventional buses, the employer is now able to repair seatbelts that lock when an operator leans forward. If this happens on a bus assigned to you, make sure to report it through INIT so the issue can be addressed.

The new buses arriving are equipped with RECARO seats. If a seat in the existing fleet feels worn out, please report it through INIT as well, since older seats are being replaced with seats that have the new ready-reach seatbelts.

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WELCOME BACK!

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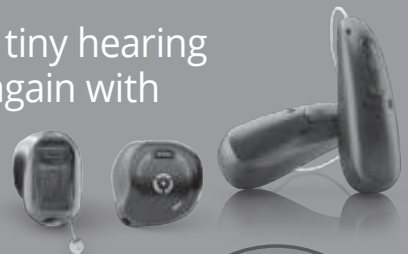
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Significant Changes for Members at Loblaw Ajax DC 60

HELLO AGAIN BROTHERS SISTERS AND SIBLINGS,

There have been some quite significant changes over here at Loblaw Ajax DC 60 in the last few months. We have performed an expedite job bid, adding 15 percent more weekend shifts across the warehouse, eliminating less preferential shifts with week days off. The reasoning for the change was due to a shift in the product we now service our customers with.

We no longer ship or receive non-perishable grocery items, due to our facility taking on general merchandising and apparel to supply our region's grocery stores.

Due to these changes in product we have had to re-rack our entire grocery department, which allowed over 100 of our colleagues to voluntarily take six weeks off in the summer, from the end of June to the beginning of August. All of the modifications to our grocery department went off with no issues and we started to ship our new product on Aug. 17th.



Kyle Coughlan

Loblaw Distribution Centre Chairperson

We also have had some changes in our management team. Shawn Stacey, a long- time manager, has been promoted to assistant general manager, a change viewed very positively in our facility. There have been many colleague appreciation events and barbecues held over the last few months that our members have been able to enjoy, to reward everyone for their continued support and dedication in keeping our warehouse at the top of the network.

With this all being said, we are all hoping that everyone has had a safe and enjoyable summer.

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State of the Unit at Signify.

THE ECONOMIC UNCERTAINTY CREATED BY THE FELON POTUS's unjust tariffs has certainly impacted sales and the volume of inbound /outbound product at the Markham Distribution Centre, especially on the Signify side of the business.

The Cooper Lighting business has been consistently steady with continued robust spikes in sales. Cooper's steady product sales has certainly created a greater volume of inbound/outbound product movement.



Jim Johnston
Signify Chairperson

Lighting season is on the horizon, hopefully bringing with it a growth in volume of product sales across the board and sustainability for our Members. Sisters and Brothers, stay strong and United. Elbows Up and Buy Canadian. 🍁

Looking Forward to Retirees Membership Meeting Sept. 14th

FALL WILL BE UPON US AS THIS ISSUE COMES OUT. I hope all of our retirees enjoyed the summer, even if the weather was a bit up and down!

I never want to forget to thank our retirees for everything they do in their communities and on the picket lines when needed.

The Detroit Big 3 bargaining is ongoing at the time of writing. Ford is complete, and the membership voted to accept the contract. GM was picked second. GM is usually a little harder to get to follow the pattern, but hopefully, they will reach an agreement without a strike.

I know we retirees were not entirely happy with what we received in our pensions; we were certainly hoping for a little more. Remember, at least our Canada Pension Plan (CPP) and Old Age Security (OAS) benefits are adjusted yearly to



Lyle Hargrove
Unifor Local 222 Retirees' Chapter Chairperson

reflect changes in the cost of living or inflation.

Just keep in mind that while the company has the money, the union tries its absolute best to secure funds from them. The union never leaves the table if the bargaining committee feels they can get more. As Buzz Hargrove used to say, the company never brings the safe with them and let's the bargaining committee help themselves—it just doesn't work that way.

If you've been following the news, our government is close to a deal regarding CUSMA (Canada, US, and Mexico). I sure hope it's a good deal for Canada, with no tariffs on our auto industry.

I look forward to seeing everyone on at our Retirees Membership meeting on Monday, Sept. 14 at the Union Hall! 🍁

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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.

Willard G. Anderson	GM Retiree	Oshawa	May 13, 2026	Kenneth T. Morden	GM Retiree	Blackstock	May 3, 2026
Jeffery R. Andrew	GM Active	Whitby	July 17, 2026	William J. Morrison	GM Retiree	Oshawa	July 28, 2026
Chester Barski	GM Retiree	Oshawa	June 15, 2026	Glen J. Morton	GM Retiree	Orono	June 7, 2026
James F. Bedford	GM Retiree	Cobourg	May 25, 2026	Rinze Muizelaar	GM Retiree	Hampton	July 14, 2026
Eric J. Benson	GM Retiree	Oshawa	July 7, 2026	Bob J. Munro	GM Retiree	Havelock	July 20, 2026
Wilfred A. Brun	Lear Ajax Retiree	Oshawa	July 31, 2026	Eric Oland	GM Retiree	Pickering	May 11, 2026
Victor T. Budai	GM Retiree	Newcastle	May 30, 2026	Stanley Osumek	GM Retiree	Courtice	July 2, 2026
Thomas G. Conahan	GM Retiree	Bowmanville	July 14, 2026	Peter P. Panschuk	GM Retiree	Oshawa	July 23, 2026
James W. Cookson	GM Retiree	Port Perry	June 15, 2026	Jack H. Phillips	GM Retiree	Little Britain	June 28, 2026
Terence E. Cox	GM Retiree	Oshawa	June 13, 2026	James W. Pike	GM Retiree	Bowmanville	May 27, 2026
Wayde V. Curran	GM Retiree	Oshawa	June 4, 2026	Gaetano "Guy" Pugliese	GM Retiree	Oshawa	July 30, 2026
John E. Danilko	GM Retiree	Lindsay	June 23, 2026	Mark A. Purcer	GM Retiree	Brighton	June 14, 2026
Peter Diver	GM Retiree	Oshawa	July 18, 2026	Martin A. Reynard	GM Retiree	Apsley	July 5, 2026
Paul E. Dumas	GM Retiree	Oshawa	June 13, 2026	Vivian Ring	GM Retiree	Thornberry	July 14, 2026
Gregory Fehrenbach	GM Retiree	Tweed	July 22, 2026	Ronald J. Robitaille	GM Retiree	Cobourg	June 21, 2026
Martin R. Field	GM Retiree	Oshawa	August 15, 2026	Terence J. Ryan	GM Retiree	Newtonville	August 7, 2026
Ronald A. Flewell	GM Retiree	Lindsay	June 30, 2026	Freddy J. Saman	GM Retiree	Port Hope	June 10, 2026
Marius J. Gagnon	GM Retiree	Oshawa	July 5, 2026	Douglas C. Sanford	GM Retiree	Oshawa	May 17, 2026
Rik P. Groenveld	GM Retiree	Oshawa	May 19, 2026	Richard J. Schofield	GM Retiree	Caesarea	May 7, 2026
Robert H. Hall	GM Retiree	Kitchener	July 17, 2026	John S. Shearer	GM Retiree	Cobourg	June 17, 2026
Donald W. Hamilton	GM Retiree	Belleville	April 18, 2026	Byron K. Simms	GM Retiree	Caesarea	June 23, 2026
David R. Harrison	GM Retiree	Whitby	June 25, 2026	Peter Slijovski	GM Retiree	Orono	July 30, 2026
Edward A. Howe	GM/Lear Retiree	Oshawa	June 12, 2026	Roman Szpajda	GM Retiree	Oshawa	July 29, 2026
Riaz H. Jadoon	GM Retiree	Oshawa	May 1, 2026	Donald D. Travis	GM Retiree	Tillsonburg	May 29, 2026
Leendert "Len" J. Koornneef	GM Retiree	Oshawa	June 26, 2026	Bev A. Tucker	GM Retiree	Oshawa	Aug. 5, 2026
Stephen C. Martin	GM Retiree	Cobourg	June 11, 2026	Paul T. Tyers	GM Retiree	Oshawa	May 1, 2026
James A. McCarthy	GM Retiree	Oshawa	May 29, 2026	Timothy E. Walton	GM Retiree	Bowmanville	May 29, 2026
Douglas W. McGill	GM Retiree	Janetville	June 6, 2026	Gary L. Wannamaker	GM Retiree	Oshawa	June 20, 2026
Leo J. McKinnon	GM Retiree	Oshawa	June 14, 2026	Wilfred L. Wannamaker	GM Retiree	Bowmanville	June 12, 2026
Paul W. McMillan	GM Retiree	Norwood	June 25, 2026	Raymond E. Warman	GM Retiree	Courtice	June 9, 2026
Paul A. Miron	GM Retiree	Oshawa	May 21, 2026	William M. Whyte	GM Retiree	Port Perry	June 7, 2026
Gary W. Mitchell	GM Retiree	Lindsay	July 8, 2026	Albert W. Worsley	GM Retiree	Oshawa	May 5, 2026
Douglas G. Morden	GM Retiree	Trent Lakes	May 31, 2026	John F. Wright	GM Retiree	Port Hope	April 16, 2026

Fall Report of the Health Committee

WE HOPE THAT YOU ALL HAD A GREAT SUMMER AND are ready to get into the fight for our Healthcare. And believe us when we say a fight because we have to make sure our Healthcare is kept Public and not for Profit.

We have to let our elected Federal and Provincial Members know that we MUST keep it Public and to make sure our Federal Liberal Government tells the Provinces like Alberta and Ontario to follow the guidelines of the Canadian Health Act or that they are subject to punishment.

As you must know by now, the Alberta Government is privatizing Healthcare and other Conservative governments are watching. We do not want to have our Healthcare Americanized where you would need to use your credit card. And there would be a possibility of becoming bankrupt or not be able to



Lance Livingstone

Durham Ontario Health
Coalition Chairperson



Ron Van De Walker

Durham Ontario Health
Coalition Member

afford treatment for whatever is wrong with you.

We have to let our elected Members know that privatization will affect their families and friends. Please tell them No to Privatization. 🍁

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Golfers Enjoying the Stellar Summer Weather



Doug Heming

Chairperson Retirees Golf League

WE ARE WELL PAST THE HALFWAY POINT OF OUR SEASON, and by all accounts, it has been a lot of fun. On Aug. 11, we had our Summer Scramble Tournament at Ashbrook. The weather was stellar, and so was the golf. Congratulations go to Lo Doyle, Peter McCann, Tom Read and Steve Collins on taking the top prize with a score of -11! We enjoyed a lunch after courtesy of the Local 222 Retirees Chapter. Thanks so much for what you do for us!

Special kudos go to Mark Sutton, who had a hole-in-one on July 7 at Ashbrook! A 175-yard par 3 from the whites! And no, he did not buy me a beer!

Check out our website for league information, including scores, tournament winners and weekly winners: <https://222retireegolf.com/wp/>

As always, please contact me about any questions you may have concerning our league by email 222retireegolfleague@gmail.com or cell 905-243-4323.

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Bowling, Bingo and Bean Bags on Recreation Committee's Fall Agenda

SUMMER IS STILL IN FULL SWING AND WE HOPE THAT ALL our members & families are enjoying the beautiful weather! Your Local 222 Recreation Committee hosted another successful Blue Jays Social event on June 26 under the lights of downtown Toronto. Taking in the City Connect vibes from the Flight Deck while spending time socializing with members from all our different units was a great kick-off to a summer long weekend!

We have plans for some more great Local events coming up in the near future including Rock'N'Bowl, Bingo, Bean Bag Toss and a few more surprises, so be sure to stay tuned and click on our QR code!



The Local 222 Committee would also like to take a moment to recognize all the local bargaining committees that have been at the negotiation tables recently or are currently in negotiations fighting for our members across all our units. We would also like to extend our support to our members standing up for each other on the picket lines! We must stay united through these tough economic situations.

Be sure to join our Local 222 Recreation Facebook page for any event announcements and information.

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Jason Matthews

Local 222 Recreation Committee Chairperson



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Recent Highlights:

- Served meals with Durham Outlook for the Needy in Oshawa.
- Kept neighbours cool through our "Beat the Heat" initiative, providing water and snacks on hot summer days.
- Provided hygiene products to John Howard Women's division.
- Raised \$1100 through our Chili Moose Cooler raffle! Congratulations to our winner, Michelle Perris!

Mark Your Calendar!

Wednesday, Oct. 21st - Join us for our annual Addictions & Mental Health Forum featuring guest speakers, local resources, prizes and snacks!



Timi Watson

Community Services Committee Member



Star McCartney

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Summer's Emancipation Celebration at Local 222

HELLO, UNIFOR FAMILY, AND HOPE THE MEMBERSHIP HAD a memorable summer break! The time went fast, as members were unable to spend time with their families having to work consecutive weekends. I hope you were able to seek the well-needed balance and rest to enjoy what remains of the pleasant weather.

Our Local 222/1090 BIWOC committee hosted our first Emancipation Day event on Aug. 8 at the Local 222 Union Hall. Emancipation Day takes place yearly on Aug. 1st. It marks the day in 1834 that the Slavery Abolition Act came into effect across the British Empire. On 1 August 1834, over 800,000 enslaved people of African descent were freed in many parts of the Caribbean, South America and Canada. Black communities in Canada have celebrated Emancipation Day since the 1850s. In March 2021, the Canadian government officially designated August 1st as Emancipation Day.

It is meant to educate and celebrate the culture and diversity of Black communities across Canada.

Our event response was well-received by the surrounding community, eager to support BIWOC vendors. It was day filled with arts and crafts vendors, food, raffle prizes, games and musical entertainment. The highlight of the day was the fashion showcase, to celebrate the many colours and cultures of the African diaspora. This included the headdress and clothing that delivered a freedom story, amongst the countless countries.

Our Local 222/1090 BIWOC committee would like to thank all in attendance including supplier unit volunteers, who made this a success! We're grateful that we've entered a time where the community has become more receptive and inclusive to BIWOC spaces. We appreciate you.

We also paid homage to the hundreds of Local 1090 Pickering and Ajax casino workers, on strike since the beginning of August. This strike action reminds the company of the tireless work of these employees, who deserve competitive wages and benefits. Members of our Local 222 and 1090 BIWOC committee visited the picketing sites, with food offerings and emotional support. These 1090 members deserve the utmost support from



Darrell Colley

Unifor Local 222 Black/Indigenous Worker of Colour Member at Large

our Local, to illustrate our membership solidarity.

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.

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From left are Charlyn Archer, Juan Vazquez, Cameron Crosby, Janice Hudson, Darrell Colley, Gavin Dorasamy, Rowena Hamilton, Tonya Carnegie, Jackie Marin, Dane Johnson, Ferne Jones.

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WELCOME BACK, SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF LOCAL 222!

We hope everyone had a wonderful and safe summer and had the opportunity to spend quality time with family, friends and loved ones.

As we return to our workplaces and union activities, we also return to a time that continues to bring challenges for workers and our communities.

Over the past few months, Local 222 has once again demonstrated what solidarity looks like. Our members have been supporting workers on picket lines, including our brothers and sisters at Pickering Casino, standing with them as they fight for fair wages, job security and respect.

At the same time, our Local 222 leadership continues to work hard at the bargaining table, fighting to protect and improve the wages, benefits, working conditions and rights of our members. We recognize that this work doesn't stop when bargaining gets difficult—it is an ongoing commitment to our membership.

The Political Action Committee would like to recognize and thank President Jeff Gray, Financial Secretary Rob Romano and the entire Local 222 leadership for their continued support and commitment to our members and to solidarity. A special thank you also goes to our Local 222 Flying Squad, who have been doing an incredible job showing up, supporting striking workers and demonstrating that when workers need us, we are there.

But strikes and bargaining are only part of the reality facing workers today. Layoffs, job insecurity, workplace pressures, injuries, financial stress and uncertainty can all take a toll—not only on workers, but on their families and overall well-being.

As we prepare for the upcoming municipal election on Oct. 26, our membership will naturally have different opinions, priorities and perspectives. That is part of democracy and part of being a diverse membership. We may not always agree, but our differences should never divide us.

That brings us to something we believe we need to talk about more openly: our health and well-being, particularly men's mental health.

Men are often taught to be strong, to provide, to keep going and to deal with things on their own. But strength doesn't mean suffering in silence. Asking for help is not weakness.

This fall, the Union in Politics Committee will begin a broader conversation about men's mental health and well-being, because the pressures we face may be different, but none of us should have to carry them alone.

Solidarity isn't only about standing together on a picket line. Sometimes solidarity is simply asking a brother, "Are you okay?"

Different issues. Different perspectives. Different struggles.

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Maria Chinelli

Union in Politics
Committee



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Update on Efforts of Your Unifor Women's Advocates

OVER THE SUMMER THE Advocates have been involved in Pride events, picket lines and attending events held by our Local's committees.

Karen Barker

Unifor Local 222 Women's Advocate

Now that summer is over, the Women Advocates' calendar is starting to fill up.

We will be having our first meeting after the break later in September. This meeting is scheduled to line up with the Durham Rape Crisis Centre's Take Back the Night event.

In October our meeting is set to line up with Local 222's Community Service Committee's addiction and mental health event on October 21st.

At September's meeting we will set up meeting dates for 2027, assign Advocate hosts for the meetings and start planning speakers, fundraiser/donations and community events.

Please see more updates in the next *Oshaworker*. 🍁

All GM Members Welcome!

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

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Truck/Car Hockey League Ready to Start a New Season

HOPE EVERYONE HAD A GREAT SUMMER. SOME OF THE guys have been playing hockey all summer, so everyone else will have to catch up at the start of the season. Good luck.

The reps have been doing a great job to confirm which players from last season are coming back. Looks like we are going to need players. Some of the guys have friends who want to play, that's great. Ice Sports has confirmed our ice is still Tuesday and Thursday on Shift #2. All games are 11:15 am and 12:15pm. This year we are playing 46 games, and we are starting Tuesday, Oct. 6 and Thursday, Oct. 8. This year the cost is \$375, cash only.

Our sponsors, Durham Medical, Steve's Leather and A+ Home Design are all in again this year. We are still looking for a sponsor for the Big Blue Machine. Hopefully I will be back on BBM.

The draft will be on Monday, Sept. 21 at a secret location in Courtice at 4pm or earlier.

Hockey Reps to contact are: BBM, B Champ rep Cory McGraw 289-688-2863, Steve's Leather, A Champ rep Tommy Pohjo-lainen 905-375-4973, Molson A+ Home Design rep Charlie Edwards 416-902-7713 and Durham Medical rep Brick Emerson 905-441-3155.

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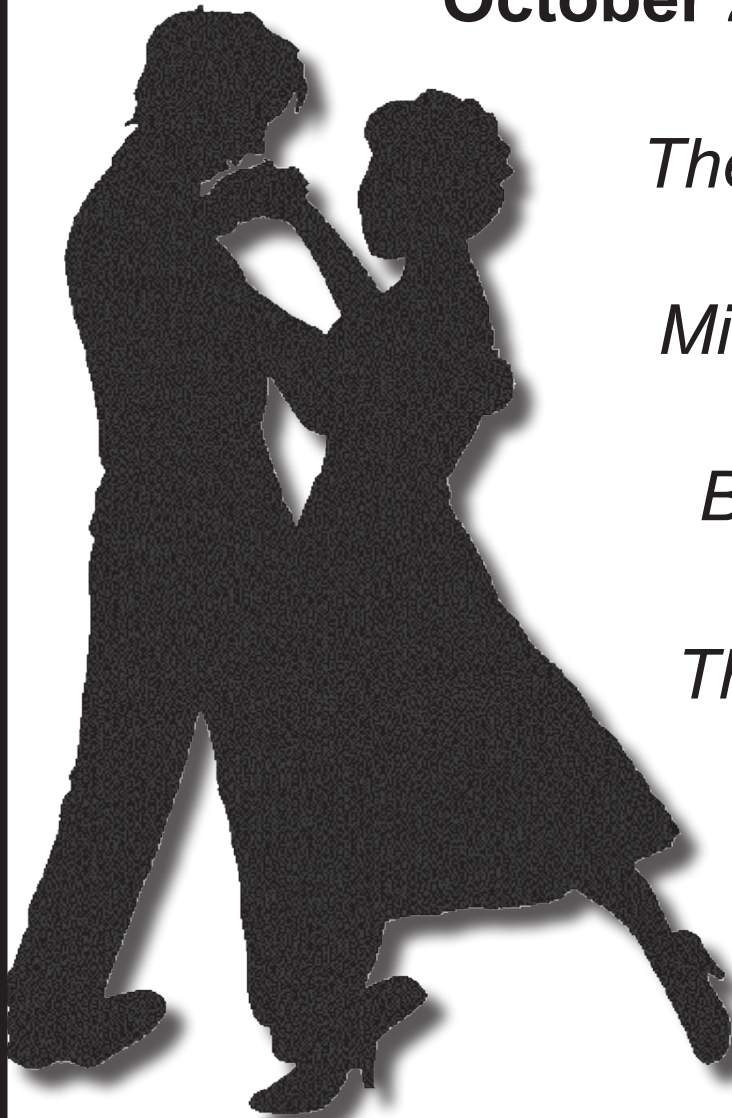
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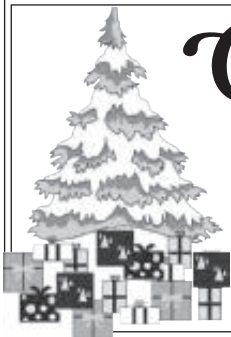
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Two girls' bikes, training wheels, pink baskets \$75 together, \$50 individually or best offer. Call: 905-431-4952

2 Cannon electric downriggers with 2 bases and 5 cannon balls \$700; Coleman 100 litre cooler \$100. Call: 905-623-4807

Mount Lawn Cemetery Memories Garden plot for sale. Call: 905-419-3908

3 BBQ rotisseries with motors, spits; burners new in box; submersible pump; benchtop drill press; 2005 Yamaha & 2004 Skidoo touring sleds; 2023 12ft Lightning enclosed trailer. Call: 905-242-3379

Hammond organ, can send pictures. Call: 705-277-9495

1998 Polaris Classic 500, 4900 miles, reverse, electric start, mirrors, new battery, studs, great shape. Call: 905-668-8617

BSA Rocket 3 Rob North Replica motorcycle, runs great, stock engine, will also sell race parts, \$15,000 OBO for bike only, Call: 705-320-7678

Game-worn Oshawa Generals jersey and memorabilia. Call: 905-376-2554

WANTED

Older Gibson or Fender guitar and tube amps, 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.

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Unifor-Durham POWER Centre

Exciting Opportunities Ahead This September!

September is shaping up to be another exciting and busy month at the POWER Centre! We currently have waitlists for several upcoming opportunities, including **CPR & First Aid, Smart Serve, Psychological First Aid**, with more training to be scheduled. We're also excited to share that **Radiation Training through**



Loyalist College will begin in early September, and we wish all of our members attending the **Port Hope Campus** the very best as they get started.



We also want to wish good luck to everyone participating in **Online Quality Assurance training through St. Clair College**, as well as **Online Radiation and PSW training through Ontario Tech University**.

We are so happy to be able to connect our members with these valuable opportunities and encourage everyone to continue coming out to our events, staying connected, and taking advantage of the supports and training available.



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