

# IPS Action Centre Newsletter

March 2021



## IPS Action Centre GM and Supplier Information Update

We have received several inquiries regarding employment opportunities related to the resumption of production at the GM Oshawa facility. This includes questions related to GM hiring and to the status of the suppliers.

As previously reported Unifor and the Action Centre do not have a preferential hiring agreement with GM. We encourage members interested in working at the GM Oshawa facility to apply through the GM portal accessible through the GM.ca website

At this time we have confirmation of 2 Unifor represented IPS employers who will support GM Oshawa, Lear and Oakley.

Lear is confirmed to be leasing a new plant in close proximity to the closed Lear Whitby facility. The Company has not determined when it will start hiring. As a reminder, Lear is not contractually obligated to rehire any former employees.

Oakley is expected to resume operations within the supplier park. Under the negotiated closure agreement, they will make offers of employment to former members. At this time, they have not indicated when the offers will be made.

General Motors has not identified any other parts suppliers or service providers supporting GM Oshawa. Unifor has made a formal request for a Unifor/GM supplier relations meeting.

We continue to make calls and reach out to old contacts in regards to where resumes can be sent; however, we do not have any further information at this time. We have also sent letters to the Prime Minister and Premier urging them to get involved and pressure GM to ensure that supplier jobs not only remain in Canada but that they are local.

We would like to reiterate that beyond what is stated above; we, at the IPS Action Centre are unable to answer any further questions at this time but will continue to advocate on your behalf and update you as information becomes available.

## Upcoming Workshop Interview Skills

Wednesday April 21st, 10AM-12PM with Mock Interviews on Thursday April 22nd, 10AM-12PM

We are pleased to be able to offer a 2 part live interactive Webinar on how to navigate the new "Interview World". This Online LIVE Session offered by the YMCA will include basic interviewing skills and techniques while preparing participants to navigate the new online/virtual forums that many employers are now utilizing.

As an immediate follow up to the Interview Skills Workshop the YMCA will also conduct LIVE mock interviews with individuals on Thursday April 22, from 10AM-12PM.

The mock interviews will be done individually with a counsellor. We will set up time slots between 10AM-12PM for you to sign up.

Zoom sessions will be set up and shared with you.

To register for this session please email and/or call the Action Centre.

In order to participate in this 'work from home' session we will require your email address so pre-registration with us is required.

## Call us today to get your name on the list!

# Pickering Casino Status Update

Sisters and Brothers

Pickering Casino Resort was slated to open April 2020 and some members were hired and even participated in training prior to the Pandemic.

PCR was shutdown in March 2020, two weeks prior to the opening of the site and unfortunately remains closed due to Covid 19. The Union has been in discussions with Great Canadian Gaming regarding the site and any potential date of opening, but with Durham Region in the “Red”, remains closed with no expected date of opening. When the Union receives any further information on Pickering Casino Resort and its operations, we will insure to convey the information to the IPS Action Centre.

In Solidarity,

Corey Dalton

President

Unifor Local 1090

## Peering In...

Pandemic Reflections – This time around is much harder. Winter is always a struggle, with more darkness and harsh weather. Adding a lockdown to the mix was a critical wound for many.

I resolved to remove myself from most social media, hibernate in my home alone and meditate on the hope that we would soon be vaccinated and not have to go through another lockdown winter. I check my weather app daily, taking note of the few precious minutes of sunlight added each day. Spring is coming, and the vaccine is soon to follow.

I’m making a list of all the things I’m going to do when we aren’t locked down anymore and all the friends I’m going to make.

I’ve grown so much during isolation, and though it is hard I know it will be worth it. I was a homebody before the pandemic and I took a lot for granted; but no more!

I am changed, for the better and I am so excited for the future.

\*Name Withheld\*

### Action Centre Contacts

The Coordinators are available Monday to Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm to answer your various questions, and/or for support.

Please do not hesitate to call us and/or engage with the Peer Helpers when they call.

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### And remember.....

1. Visit our Facebook page, Unifor Local 222/1090 IPS Action Centre (and please ‘like’ the page!)
2. Fill out the **\*NEW\* Action Centre Survey** mailed to you in a self-addressed return envelope. It really helps us plan workshops and other supports that meet your needs.
3. Find more information about Second Career at [www.ontario.ca/page/second-career](http://www.ontario.ca/page/second-career)
4. Make sure we have your email address to send you the latest information!
5. Life can be complicated. Get help with all of life’s questions, issues and concerns with **LifeWorks**. Any time 24/7, 365 days a year. Search “**LifeWorks**” and download the app through Google Play or App Store.

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