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UNIFORM 506

Quarterly Newsletter for Members of Unifor Local 506



WHAT'S NEW AT UNIFOR 506:

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LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Unifor Local 506 President, Sandy Brideau, has stepped down from the role on April 14, 2025. Local 506 Vice President, Stéphane Lamoureux, will complete the President's current term set to end this year.

Sandy dedicated over 20 years of his career with Bell as a union activist. He started as a shop steward in 2002 and served on the sub-local executive of Region 2 from 2004-2006. He moved to the Local 506 Executive when he served as Chair of Region 4 from 2010-2012. He served as Vice President of Local 506 from 2012-2015 and finally as President for the last ten years. We will miss his leadership and hope you all join us in wishing him the best in his future endeavors.

SPECIAL MEETINGS



Because of the recent shift in Local 506 leadership, special meetings will be scheduled to accept nominations for the role of Vice President.

The role of Vice President will be temporarily filled by Leesa Allain pending special nominations and elections to be completed no later than the end of May for the vacant positions of Unifor Local 506 Vice President and Region 2 Chairperson.



Sub-Local meetings are scheduled for Region 1 - Saint John and Region 2 - Moncton on April 22nd. The Region 3 - Fredericton and the Region 4 - A Pen, Bathurst, Campbellton, Edmundston & Miramichi meetings will be held on April 24th. Meeting details will be posted on the Local 506 Facebook page and sent to the membership via email.

NEW MEMBERS!

Forty workers at Agropur Cooperative in Sussex, N.B. have chosen to join Unifor.

“Congratulations to Agropur workers for making the decision to have Unifor fight in their corner,” said Unifor National President Lana Payne. “We are looking forward to helping make improvements to working conditions and of course, bargaining your first contract.”

The workers, some of whom are in Skilled Trades, manufacture butter, skim milk powder and custom milk powder blends and will be represented by Unifor Local 506.



Local 506 will engage in negotiations with Agropur in April, aiming to ratify a collective agreement for their new members at the earliest opportunity.



“There’s power in numbers. These New Brunswick members join other Agropur production plant members in Bedford and Truro, N.S.,” said Unifor Organizing Director Justin Gniposky. “They know with Unifor on their side, they can fight and win.”

BIENNIAL MEETING



Local 506 will be participating in the upcoming Unifor Atlantic Communication Locals Biennial meeting scheduled for May 26-28th. This meeting will be held virtually with members participating from Locals 506 in NB, 2289 in Nova Scotia, 410 in Newfoundland and 401 in Prince Edward Island.



The purpose of the Biennial Locals meeting is to exchange ideas and make policy recommendations to the Unifor ACL Executive Board and the National Union. It also provides a forum for members locals to share information, coordinate activities, and build on solidarity with one another.

Elections will also take place to elect the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Recording Secretary of the Unifor ACL Executive Board.

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE

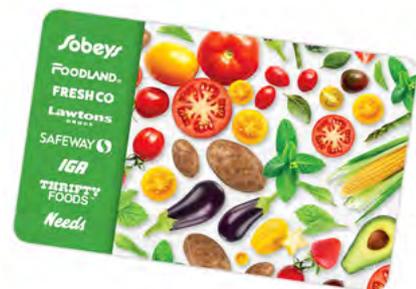
The Local 506 Trustee Committee met on December 2nd to review the financial records of the local and ensure we are compliant with our Bylaws and Policies.



Many thanks to Donovan, Judy and Stephen for their hard work and dedication!

CONTEST WINNERS

In the October edition of the Uniforum 506 newsletter, we challenged members to find a hidden Unifor logo. Two members were successful in finding the logo; congratulations to Anne Leger and Sherry King, winners of a \$50 Sobeys gift card!



Another Unifor logo  is hidden in this newsletter. Find it and send the location to unionoffice@unifor506.ca and we'll put your name in a draw for a \$50 Sobeys gift card!

LOCAL 506 BURSARY & SCHOLARSHIPS

Local 506 is now accepting applications for three bursary/scholarships, each worth \$1,200. These awards are available to the children of Unifor Local 506 members and are open to secondary education students in their first to fourth years of study.



Application forms for the following Local 506 Bursary and Scholarship awards are available on the Local 506 website and the deadline for submissions is June 30th.

The Women in Leadership Bursary is open to all applicants regardless of gender and is in memory of sister Helen E. Allain, the first female president of Local 506.

The Day of Remembrance Scholarship honors those members who have lost their lives on the job.

The Truth & Reconciliation Scholarship honors the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities.

UNIFOR NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS



Unifor recognizes that the costs associated with post-secondary education is a challenge for many working-class families. To assist in making education more accessible, Unifor has established 28 scholarships of \$2,000 each.

The National scholarships are awarded to children of Unifor members in good standing. Students must be entering their first year of full-time post-secondary education (university, community college, technological institute, trade school, etc) in a public Canadian institution.



Instructions to submit applications for the National scholarships are on the Unifor National website at www.unifor.org/scholarship and the deadline for applications is June 20th. The successful scholarship recipients will be announced on September 2nd.

REGION 4 ATV RUN



Back L-R: James Saunders, Stéphane Frenette, Guy Haché, Zachary St-Pierre, Martin Hébert, Cory Wishart, Brady Matchett, Ronald Benoit & Jeff Lynch
Front L-R: Shayne Ross, Steve Wilmot & Andy Grant

Region 4 members got together last November for another ATV run; this time in Renous.

The ATV's travelled approximately 96 kilometers and the group stopped for lunch at an old stone chimney in the woods which was the remnants of a camp that burned down years ago.

Good food and good times were enjoyed by all and everyone is looking forward to this year's ATV run!



REMINDER

If you have a question, an issue you need to discuss, a safety concern, require personal support, or wish to have a union representative at a meeting with the company, please contact us at 506-634-8810 or unionoffice@unifor506.ca

RETIREMENTS



Best wishes to the following members who have retired recently:

- Patrick O'Rourke - Region 3
- Jack Verboom - Region 1

The Local gives retiring members a \$150 gift to celebrate this milestone. If you are retiring in the near future, please contact the union office at unionoffice@unifor506.ca to ensure we have your current mailing address, phone and email information.

PRIDE COMMITTEE

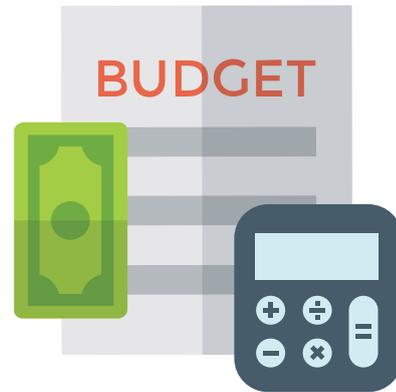
Local 506 is inviting members to join the Pride Committee!

Whether you have ideas to share, skills to offer, or simply want to be a part of this vibrant committee, we welcome you with open arms.



PROVINCIAL BUDGET MEETING

On February 24th the membership met at locations across the province and voted to accept the 2025 budget presented by Local 506 Secretary-Treasurer, Carlos Vicente.



Local 506 would like to thank the membership for their participation in the budget vote process.



Together, we can create positive change and support one another in fostering an environment of acceptance and pride.

If you're interested in joining or learning more about our activities, please reach out to the Local 506 Pride Committee Chair, Erin Howell Sharpe at erin.howellsharpe@unifor506.ca.