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Unifor members are uniting to stop Islamophobia, bad trade deals and anti-worker laws. We're also reaching out to new members and negotiating strong contracts.

 **WHAT'S HOT**



Hundreds of Unifor members take to the streets in Montreal demanding a better NAFTA, as negotiations resume.

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 **TAKE ACTION**



In remembering the mosque shooting of January 29, Unifor calls on all members for solidarity to stop Islamophobia.

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Thousands of hotel workers will vote to join Unifor as part of Unifor Local 7575.

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Signing the Trans Pacific Partnership sets Canada in the wrong direction, union opposes the deal.

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A long-sought federal ban on asbestos is coming to Canada – but not quite yet.

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Unifor is among eight unions granted leave to intervene in a constitutional challenge of N.S. wage suppression bill.

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Unifor members dedicate Alzheimer's fundraising walk to Bob White, raising thousands of dollars.

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BARGAINING UPDATES

New tentative agreement with Jazz Customer and Aircraft services, ratification underway across the country.

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Workers at Delastek vote to end nearly 21-month long strike – under certain conditions.

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New tentative agreement for Bell Aliant workers in Atlantic Canada.

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New contract approved by workers at lafrate Machine Works.

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Bell Canada clerical units in Ontario and Quebec reach tentative agreement.

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Atlantic Regional Director Lana Payne with a personal story on solidarity and why she supports the leaving the CLC.

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GOVERNMENT BENEFITS 2018
as of January 1, 2018



Canada Pension Plan and Quebec Pension Plan	CPP	QPP
1. Contribution rate	4.95%	4.9%
2. Year's maximum insurable earnings (YMPE)	\$53,800.00	\$51,000.00
3. Basic exemption	\$7,600.00	\$7,300.00
4. Maximum premiums for employed	\$1,910.00	\$1,820.00
Maximum premiums for self-employed	\$3,820.00	\$3,640.00
5. Retirement benefits (maximum for new recipients)	\$2,238.27	\$2,124.57
6. Early full benefit (year)	\$1,900.00	\$1,800.00
7. Disability (year)	\$2,319.00	\$2,170.00
8. Dependent children's benefit	\$288.64	\$284.64
9. Sickness expense (5 and over years)	\$800.00	\$800.00
10. Sickness expense under 45 years	\$820.00	N/A
Sickness expense under 45 years - not disabled, no child	N/A	\$100.00
Sickness expense under 45 years - not disabled, with child	N/A	\$270.00
Sickness expense under 45 years - disabled	N/A	\$100.00

Employment Insurance (EI)	Canada	Quebec
	(incl. Quebec)	
1. Annual insurable earnings (AEI)	\$57,500.00	\$51,700.00
2. Premiums - annual maximum (employee)	\$938.22	\$922.10
Premiums - annual maximum (employer)	\$1,201.51	\$990.05
3. Benefits - weekly maximum (100% of insurable earnings)	\$547.20	\$547.00

Old Age Security (pension) (January 1, 2018 - adjusted quarterly)	Maximum Monthly
1. Old Age Pension	\$565.64
2. Guaranteed Income Supplement	\$276.23
3. Spouse's Allowance (Age 65-69)	\$1,116.14
4. Widowed spouse's allowance (Age 60-69)	\$1,128.00

Get the update on government benefit rates for this year, including CPP and QPP, EI and OAS.

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