

On April 24th Sandy Derocchis, Mike Matthews and I attended the Unifor Retired Workers Ontario Regional Council in Ingersoll. Maria Pinto was unable to attend due to illness. The meeting was chaired by Bro. Les MacDonald, Chairperson of the Retired Workers Executive. Understandably tariffs were part of the agenda and many of the Auto Locals have already experienced layoffs, and some plants are on shutdown hopefully they will reopen. Planning is underway for the annual Labour Day Parade in Port Elgin on Monday Sept 1st, 2025.

Retirees were welcomed by Bro. Brent Tree President of Local 88 who as always hosted the meeting. Unfortunately, due to Trump tariffs there is a danger of this plant being closed. Sister Barb Dolan, the Retired Workers Director reported on what Unifor is doing to support Workers.

Bro. Josh Coles, Director Membership Mobilization and Political Action Unifor took us through the polling data Province by Province. Reports by Chapters and Area Councils followed and lots of questions and answers. New business wrapped up the session.

On Saturday, 26th April I attended the Unifor rally “Protect Canadian Jobs”. This was held in a park overlooking the Detroit River with GM Headquarters in the background. So, appropriate a very uplifting experience despite the tariffs.

Thank you for enabling Retirees to be part of this event.

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