



ATTEND YOUR LOCAL 905 UNION MEETING

Monday, June 8th, 4:15 PM

At the Ajax Legion Hall * 111 Hunt St. Ajax, ON

LOCAL 905 EXECUTIVE

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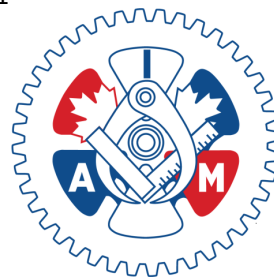
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SECURITY FOR THE FAMILY, AND
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IAM LOCAL 905 – MAY MEMBERS MEETING



MAY MONTHLY MEMBERS MEETING MONDAY, MAY 11

 **1550 Lansdowne St W, Peterborough, ON**

 **4:15 PM**

We apologize for the short notice.

Your participation keeps our Local Strong, informed, and united.



UNION GOLF RAFFLE

ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN

28TH ANNUAL DAVE RITCHIE INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Remington Parkview Golf & Country Club
 6400 Steeles Avenue,
 East, Markham, ON

Saturday, June 13, 2026
 —12:00 PM Tee Off

Contact:
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Enter by May 29th
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 SEND YOUR SUGGESTIONS
 OR REQUESTS TO,
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**HONOURING YEARS of SERVICE
IN LOCAL 905
DURING THE MONTH OF MAY**

37 Years John MacKenzie	9 Years Brian DePooter
37 Years Shane Kingston	5 Years Brett Nugent
36 Years Peter Silarajs	4 Years Kevin Rabanes
31 Years Douglas Teske	4 Years Rushitkumar Patel
31 Years David Mitton	4 Years Li Ren Chen
31 Years Jacqueline Allen	4 Years Ryan Hill
28 Years Jeff Shearer	4 Years Robert Solangon
25 Years Kenneth Scott	3 Years Daniel McChesney
22 Years Lolita Gershfeld	3 Years Ankit Doshi
18 Years April Fickling	3 Years Gualberto Aguila
18 Years Jason Gemmell	2 Years Richard Smith
13 Years Bento Fernandes	1 Year Luis Paliwen
11 Years Steven Vine	

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

LOCAL 905

A Big Thank-You to Rasheed

A heartfelt thank-you to **Rasheed** for keeping up with the Retirement Committee gatherings. His consistency, care, and commitment ensure our retired members stay connected and supported — a true example of union solidarity in action.

Below are pictures of the from the March and April meet ups.



NEW 3-YEAR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT RATIFIED AT IRVING AVIATION IN GANDER

(IAMAW.CA) April 16, 2026

Members at Irving Aviation in Gander have ratified a new three-year Collective Bargaining Agreement, with a unanimous vote. The agreement reflects strong member support and delivers improvements across wages, benefits, and workplace protections.

The contract includes annual wage increases of 4% in the first year, 4% in the second year, and 3% in the third year, providing consistent pay growth over the duration of the agreement.

In addition, members will receive a \$3,000 lump-sum signing bonus along with full retroactive pay, ensuring compensation reflects the negotiated terms from the applicable period.

The agreement also strengthens financial security through enhanced severance pay provisions and introduces an additional statutory holiday, giving members more time off throughout the year.

This new collective agreement supports stability and improved conditions for Irving Aviation employees over the next three years.



International Workers' Day, observed on May 1st, is rooted in one of the most important struggles in labour history: the fight for the eight-hour workday. It is a day that belongs to working people everywhere, and it stands as a reminder that the rights many workers take for granted today were not gifted by governments or employers, but won through organizing, solidarity, and collective struggle.

The origins of May Day trace back to the late 19th century, particularly the labour movement in North America. Workers in industrializing economies routinely faced exhausting schedules of 10, 12, even 16 hours per day under dangerous conditions. In response, trade unions and labour activists began organizing around a simple but powerful demand: **"Eight hours for work, eight hours for rest, and eight hours for what we will."**

This demand was not merely about time. It was about dignity, health, and human freedom. The struggle culminated in major labour actions, including the 1886 general strike in the United States, which led to the Haymarket Affair in Chicago. Workers and organizers faced repression, violence, and in some cases death, for advocating what we now recognize as basic workplace standards. Their courage helped spark an international movement, and May 1st became a global day of solidarity for workers' rights.

The Confederation of Canadian Unions recognizes that the victories of the past were only possible because workers organized collectively through unions. Labour unions remain the most effective tool workers have to secure fair wages, safe working conditions, and protections against exploitation. Without unions, the gains of the eight-hour day, workplace safety legislation, and minimum labour standards would not have been achieved—and they would not be defended.

But the significance of International Workers' Day goes beyond workplace issues alone. It is also about broader social justice. The same forces that drive worker exploitation are often tied to inequality, discrimination, and weakened democratic accountability. Unions have historically played a vital role in advancing not only economic rights, but also human rights—supporting equality for women, racialized workers, immigrants, and all who face systemic barriers.

Today, as workers face new challenges such as precarious employment, automation, and rising inequality, the spirit of May Day remains as relevant as ever. It is a call to renew solidarity across sectors, communities, and borders. It is a reminder that democracy is strengthened when working people have a voice at work and in society.

On this International Workers' Day, the Confederation of Canadian Unions reaffirms its commitment to building a fairer, more equal, and more democratic society, one where the rights of workers are not only protected, but expanded for future generations.

NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING: NO WORKER SHOULD PAY WITH THEIR LIFE

(ONTARIO.PSAC.CA) April 27, 2026

On April 28, PSAC Ontario joins people across Canada in observing the National Day of Mourning. We remember workers who have been injured, made ill, or lost their lives because of their jobs. We honour those who never made it home and join those living with the lasting impacts of workplace injury and illness.

This year's theme, Ensuring Workers Survive and Thrive, makes clear that workplace health and safety cannot stop at preventing immediate harm. It must address the full reality of work, including the long-term and often invisible impacts on workers' health and well-being.

In Ontario, 246 workers lost their lives in 2024 due to workplace incidents and occupational disease. But these numbers do not tell the full story. Gaps in reporting, recognition, and enforcement mean the true number of workplace deaths is significantly higher.

These are not isolated tragedies. They reflect systems that continue to fail workers, and they are preventable.

PSAC Ontario calls on all levels of government to take stronger action to protect workers. This means enforcing health and safety laws, removing barriers to investigating workplace injuries and deaths, and strengthening the use of the Westray Law to hold employers criminally accountable.

Families deserve answers. Workers deserve protection.

On this Day of Mourning, we remember those we have lost and recommit to protecting those still on the job. We will continue to mourn for the dead and fight for the living. In memory of Colin Lambert, one of the founders of the National Day of Mourning, whose work ensured that loss would never be met with silence, we will continue his fight to ensure every worker comes home safely and to honour those who never did.



In Solidarity,

Craig Reynolds, PSAC Ontario Regional Executive
Vice-President

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EDUCATION WORKERS RALLY IN WINDSOR: "IT'S GOT TO STOP"

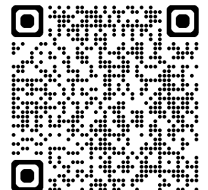
(CKNXNEWSTODAY.CA) April 30, 2026

About **100 educators and supporters** gathered outside Windsor-Tecumseh MPP **Andrew Dowie's** office on **April 29** to demand action on classroom conditions. Speakers from **OECTA** and **CUPE Local 4299** cited overcrowding, rising classroom violence, and cuts to special-needs support as signs of a system "eroding over years."

Union leaders criticized the province's recent **\$1.6 billion school-construction pledge** as insufficient and called the **\$750 classroom-supply credit** "lip service." CUPE's **Anthony Cutrone** warned that the layoff of **40 educational support workers** at *Conseil scolaire catholique Providence* will hurt students and families.

With **contract talks** looming this fall, unions are urging the government to start bargaining early to avoid disruptions next school year.

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GLOBAL JET FUEL SHORTAGE DISRUPTS FLIGHTS WORLDWIDE

(FTNNEWS.COM) April 7, 2026

A major jet fuel crisis is unfolding after the **closure of the Strait of Hormuz**, cutting off nearly **20% of the world's oil supply**. The impact has been immediate and widespread, with airlines across Europe, North America, and Asia facing cancellations, rising costs, and fuel rationing.

Key Points for IAM Local 905 Members

- **Fuel rationing** is now active at **seven Italian airports**, with strict caps as low as **2,000 litres per aircraft** for non-priority flights.
- The crisis began after **U.S. and Israeli airstrikes on Iran**, prompting Iran to shut down the Strait — one of the world's most critical energy corridors.
- On a single day in early April, **7% of all global flights** were cancelled, including **14.6% of North American departures**.
- Jet fuel prices have surged to **\$4.88 per gallon**, pushing average ticket prices up **24%** year-over-year.
- Airlines are responding with:
 - **Flight cancellations** (United, Air New Zealand, SAS, Aurigny)
 - **Reduced schedules** and **higher fares**
 - **Fuel tankering**, which increases weight and costs
 - **New surcharges** up to **\$150 per ticket**
- UK and Southeast Asian carriers are among the most vulnerable, with some warning of **5–20% flight cuts** if conditions persist.
- Major airlines like **United, Delta, Lufthansa, and Air France-KLM** are preparing contingency plans, including grounding aircraft and trimming capacity.

Why It Matters for Our Membership

This crisis highlights how **global geopolitical events directly affect aerospace jobs**, airline operations, and the broader aviation supply chain.

Rising fuel costs and reduced flight schedules can influence everything from aircraft maintenance demand to long-term fleet planning — areas where IAM members play a critical role.



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FTNNEWS.COM

IAM FILES COMPLAINT AGAINST APPLE OVER TOWSON STORE CLOSURE

(9TO5MAC.COM) April 27, 2026

The **International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers (IAM)** has filed an **unfair labor practice charge** with the **National Labor Relations Board (NLRB)**, accusing **Apple** of **discriminating against unionized employees** at its **Towson Town Center** store in Maryland — the first Apple retail location in the U.S. to unionize.

Apple recently announced the closure of three stores, including Towson, citing declining mall conditions. However, IAM argues the move is a **"cynical attempt to bust the union,"** claiming Apple denied Towson workers the same **transfer rights** offered to non-union employees at other closing stores.

IAM President **Brian Bryant** said the issue is about **fair treatment under federal labor law**, not corporate policy, and called on Apple to **"reverse course and treat Towson workers fairly."**

Apple responded that it is **complying with the collective bargaining agreement**, offering transfers within 50 miles or severance pay, and promising **first-refusal rights** if a new store opens nearby.

This piece highlights IAM's ongoing fight for **equal treatment and union protection** — a reminder that solidarity extends beyond aerospace into the broader tech workforce.



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