



### ATTEND YOUR LOCAL 905 UNION MEETING

Monday, Sept 14th, 4:15 PM

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

#### LOCAL 905 EXECUTIVE

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**JUSTICE ON THE JOB,  
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SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

**LOCAL 905** wishes all members  
*a safe, restful, and happy summer!*

**WE APOLOGIZE**  
for the absence of the  
June newsletter.  
Thank you for your patience  
and understanding.

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
There will be no  
Members Meetings for  
July or August.  
Our next scheduled meeting  
will take place in **September**.

Enjoy the season, stay safe, and we look forward  
to seeing everyone in the fall!

IN SOLIDARITY,  
**LOCAL 905**

## AIR CANADA ANNOUNCES 2 NEW CONTRACTS RATIFIED WITH FINANCE AND CLERICAL EMPLOYEES

**(CTVNEWS.CA) June 22, 2026**

Air Canada says two new contracts with its finance and clerical employees have been ratified.

The airline says employees represented by the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers voted on two of three tentative agreements reached earlier in June.

The two agreements cover about 170 finance employees and about 115 clerical employees.

Air Canada says the ratification of a third agreement is in progress, covering about 11,000 maintenance, airport airside operations, cargo and cabin service employees.

Last week, Air Canada announced it had struck a tentative deal with unionized workers, recognizing the contributions and skills of employees in maintenance, cabin services, airport airside operations, cargo, finance and clerical roles.

At the time, the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers announced the deal as historic, with landmark wage increases for its members.



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 31 Years Shawn Courrier  
 30 Years Rob Joice  
 30 Years Ronda Griffin  
 30 Years Steve Anderson  
 28 Years Lisa Cormack  
 25 Years Dylan Tatton  
 23 Years Dale Robinson  
 23 Years Jean Violette  
 22 Years Mark Ayotte  
 19 Years Doug Titterton  
 18 Years Wilkin Lai  
 12 Years Mike Ackerman  
 7 Years Nick Di Natale  
 7 Years Matthew Gouldburn  
 5 Years Trina Wall  
 4 Years Cornel Horatiu Szoke  
 4 Years Jay Chapman  
 4 Years Geraint Davies  
 3 Years Shane Christie  
 3 Years Daniel Doneski  
 3 Years Christian Calderon  
 3 Years Tinu Kunnathuparambil  
 3 Years Ronald Valenova  
 3 Years Neel Shah  
 3 Years Brycen George  
 2 Years Barbara Weidemann  
 2 Years Nick Morelli

39 Years Brian Macdonald  
 38 Years Daniel Godin  
 34 Years Joseph Shannon  
 28 Years Irek Kujawinski  
 12 Years Russell Genereux  
 12 Years Jay Nedziwe  
 12 Years Shaider Barcena  
 12 Years Eugene Pereira  
 9 Years Blagoja Naumovski  
 7 Years Christina Bolton  
 7 Years Corey Byers  
 5 Years Earlston Mills  
 4 Years Sharon Hemelryk  
 4 Years Ji Li  
 4 Years Devon Hodgson  
 4 Years Adam Zeppa  
 3 Years Carly Taylor  
 2 Years Heherson Ulep  
 2 Years Yun Feng Roger Yang  
 2 Years Christopher Armstrong  
 2 Years Brian Weller  
 2 Years Tyler Weatherall

## MARCH RETIREE MEETUP

On March 22, IAM Local 905 retirees and members gathered at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 322 in Ajax, Ontario for a warm and well-attended social meetup. The event brought together long-serving members to reconnect, share stories from the shop floor, and strengthen the bonds that continue long after retirement.



The afternoon highlighted the strong sense of solidarity within Local 905, with members reflecting on decades of aerospace experience, mentorship, and union involvement. The Legion provided a welcoming setting, and the gathering served as a reminder of the lasting community built through years of collective action and shared purpose.



## TEEING UP FOR A GREAT CAUSE

On Saturday, June 13, 2026, Guide Dogs of America | Tender Loving Canines Canada (GDA | TLC Canada), in partnership with the IAM Canadian Territory, proudly hosted the 28th Annual Dave Ritchie Golf Tournament in Ontario.

The tournament brought together IAM members, community supporters, sponsors, volunteers, and friends for a memorable day dedicated to supporting the important work of GDA | TLC Canada. The organization's mission is to transform lives through partnerships with highly trained guide and service dogs, providing individuals with visual impairments, veterans, and people with disabilities the independence, confidence, and support they need to thrive.



Congratulations to Miki Hasanoski and Michael Cutler who won tickets from the May raffle. They invited Tim Walsh and Andrew Cosgrove who are also co-workers and members of Local 905. Andrew went on to win longest drive!

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the 28th Annual Dave Ritchie Golf Tournament a success.

We look forward to continuing this tradition for years to come.



### Events that took place in the Month of July throughout the Years

- 1872**—Birth of Louis Blériot, pioneer aviator who later crossed the English Channel.
- 1908**—Glenn Curtiss flies the June Bug more than a mile.
- 1909**—Louis Blériot crosses the English Channel in his Blériot monoplane.
- 1917**—School of Aeronautics established at the University of Toronto.
- 1919**—Vickers Vimy completes its non-stop transatlantic flight (July 14–15).
- 1922**—Army Air Service transfers operations from Ellington Field (TX) to Selfridge Field (MI).
- 1922**—Construction begins on a Zeppelin airship for the U.S. Government in Friedrichshafen.
- 1922**—Aeromarine Airways opens flying-boat passenger service between Detroit and Cleveland.
- 1925**—U.S. Air Mail Service begins overnight flights between New York and Chicago.
- 1927**—Boeing Air Transport takes over the Chicago–San Francisco Air Mail route.
- 1931**—First rocket-delivered mail in the United States (Struthers, Ohio).
- 1956**—Three U-2 aircraft crash during early deployment operations (July 31–Aug 3).
- 1958**—NASA is created (July 29).
- 1968**—First direct airline service between the USSR and USA begins (July 15).
- 1969**—Apollo 11 lands on the Moon; Armstrong walks on the lunar surface (July 20).
- 1975**—Apollo–Soyuz Test Project begins — first international space mission (July 15–24).
- 2002**—Mid-air collision: Bashkirian Airlines Flight 2937 & DHL Flight 611 over Überlingen, Germany.
- 2025**—NASA performs taxi tests of the X-59 quiet-supersonic aircraft (July 29).

## OPCM HOLDS ITS 62ND ANNUAL CONVENTION IN NORTH BAY

**(IAMAW.CA) June 9, 2026**

The Ontario Provincial Council of Machinists held its **62nd Annual Convention** in North Bay, bringing together delegates, officers, staff, and members from across the province for three days of education, discussion, and solidarity.

OPCM President **Dean O'Reilly** opened the convention by emphasizing unity and member engagement. IAM Canada GVP **David Chartrand** and **Ralph Martin** spoke on national challenges, opportunities, and ongoing advocacy for IAM members.

Saturday featured a full day of education, including a WHSC presentation by **Chris Carpenter**, a **Political Action Workshop** led by **Derek Ferguson**, a session on misinformation by **Paul Hicks**, and an **Organizing Workshop** with **Rootisha Rampat**, **Roy Bhansingh**, and **Scott Jackson**. **Rick Sansom** closed the day with a Health & Safety presentation.

The convention concluded Sunday with the **swearing -in of newly elected OPCM officers**, marking a new chapter for the council and reaffirming its commitment to representing IAM members across Ontario.



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## FORD AND UNIFOR BEGIN HISTORIC CONTRACT TALKS

Collective bargaining between **Ford Motor Company** and **Unifor**, Canada's largest private-sector union, officially began in Toronto on **Monday, March 22**. The ceremonial handshake between Unifor National President **Lana Payne** and Ford of Canada Vice-President **Meredith Keenan** marked the start of what Payne called "the most consequential round of auto bargaining in our history."

Unifor represents nearly **19,000 Canadian autoworkers**, and Ford was again chosen as the **target company** to set the pattern for upcoming negotiations with **Stellantis** and **General Motors**. The union is seeking a new **three-year agreement** before the current contracts expire on **September 20**, with a **July 10 deadline** to reach terms with Ford.

Talks come amid industry uncertainty tied to **CUSMA trade rules**, **U.S. tariffs**, and the arrival of **Chinese electric vehicles** in Canada. Unifor's priorities include **job security**, **investment commitments**, and protection for workers in a sector that has lost more than **6,500 jobs since February 2025**.

For IAM Local 905 members, these negotiations underscore the broader challenges facing aerospace and manufacturing workers across Ontario—where solidarity and strong collective action remain vital to defending good union jobs.



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## NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

### Indigenous Rights Are Workers' Rights

The Ontario Federation of Labour marks **June 21** by honouring **First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples**, recognizing workers, land defenders, knowledge keepers, and community leaders across the province.

The OFL stresses that **colonization is ongoing**, pointing to displacement, residential-school trauma, state violence, unsafe water, and systemic barriers in health care, housing, education, employment, and justice.

The federation reaffirms support for **Indigenous sovereignty** and calls for full implementation of **UNDRIP** in Ontario. It highlights the unfulfilled **94 Calls to Action** from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the **231 Calls for Justice** from the MMIWG Inquiry.

The OFL urges unions and workers to take action by supporting Indigenous-led struggles, pushing employers to respect Indigenous rights, and building relationships with local Indigenous communities.

**Core message:** Justice requires action — not symbolism — and **Indigenous rights are workers' rights.**



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## KEEP CANADA'S AIRPORTS PUBLIC! NATIONAL PETITION LAUNCHED

**(IAMAW.CA) June 10, 2026**

A national petition has been launched by the IAM Union calling on the Government of Canada to reject any proposal to privatize, sell, or transfer ownership or control of Canadian airports.

Canada's airports are critical public infrastructure that support millions of passengers each year and play a vital role in economic stability, national security, emergency response, tourism, trade, and regional connectivity across the country.

Airports were built through long-term public investment and are intended to operate in the public interest. Any move toward privatization raises serious concerns about the long-term consequences for affordability, accountability, and service quality.

### What's at stake if airports are privatized:

- Increased costs for travellers through higher airport and airline fees
- Reduced transparency and public oversight of critical infrastructure
- Greater pressure on wages, staffing levels, and working conditions in aviation
- Prioritization of private profit over public service and accessibility
- Potential impacts on regional routes and connectivity, particularly in smaller communities

The petition is now available for Canadians to sign and share widely. It calls on the Federal government to ensure that airports remain publicly accountable infrastructure, operated in the best interest of workers, passengers, and communities; not private financial interests.

This initiative reflects growing concern about the future of public infrastructure in Canada and the need to protect essential transportation assets for current and future generations.

**Scan the QR Code to visit IAMAW.CA and SIGN and SHARE the petition!**

