

April 28, 2023

**To: Local Union Presidents, Recording Secretaries and Unit Chairpersons**

## **Unifor's Annual EI/CPP Education Conference**

*Unifor Family Education Centre, Port Elgin*  
**Thursday, October 26, 2023 to Sunday, October 29, 2023**

**We encourage all Unifor members, Benefit Representatives and new National Representatives to attend this conference!**

**Is EI working for you, your members and your community?**

**Do you know about the new Board of Appeals?**

- **Learn about EI Rules, Policies and Practices from Service Canada Representatives**
- **Learn about Unifor's campaign to make permanent EI changes**

Learn the answers to these questions and more...

**How do members apply for EI and what are EI special benefits?**

**How can I appeal an EI decision?**

**What is the Regional Enquiry Unit (REU) and how do I access it?**

**What are the recent changes to EI?**

## Do you plan to retire?

- **Get a better understanding of Canada's Pension Plan system and its benefits.**

This conference provides the perfect opportunity to understand how CPP works and what your retirement pension will look like and why.

Learn the answers to these questions and more...

**How does a divorce affect your CPP?**

**What is the impact from retiring at age 60 or age 70?**

**How does CPP disability change at age 65?**

**Are there any new legislative changes to CPP?**

## Do not miss this year's EI/ CPP Conference!

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The conference and workshops will have simultaneous translation. Please submit your registrations early to avoid disappointment. The registration deadline is October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

For any questions or changes to your local's registration, please email Nasra Mussa at [nasra.mussa@unifor.org](mailto:nasra.mussa@unifor.org).

### Workshop Selection Form

Complete the attached workshop form and fax or email to: **Nasra Mussa at (416) 495-3785** [nasra.mussa@unifor.org](mailto:nasra.mussa@unifor.org)

### Centre Accommodation and Meals

**Delegates must stay at the Centre (unless we advise that the Centre is full).** Rates include three nights' accommodation, beginning with dinner on Thursday - up to and including Sunday lunch.

Double occupancy units are also equipped with a separate study which includes a fold-out "Murphy bed" for those wishing additional privacy. Reservations are on a first come, first served bases.

## ***For 3 nights' accommodation and meals***

|                                   |                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Shared room with another delegate | \$ 555.00 per delegate |
| Single room with spouse           | \$ 930.00 per couple   |
| Single occupancy room             | \$ 780.00 per delegate |
| Children/Youth 17 years & over    | \$ 150.00 per person   |
| Children 12 to 16 years           | \$ 75.00 per child     |
| Children 11 years & under         | ~ No Charge ~          |

**Note:** if family member(s) are being paid for **by the individual** and not by the local, the local pays the “single occupancy” rate and the following rates apply (includes taxes):

- Spouse or child over 16 years = \$169.50
- Child 12 to 16 years = \$ 84.75

## **Reservations**

Reservation forms can be emailed to: [confcentre@unifor.org](mailto:confcentre@unifor.org) or faxed: (519) 389-3222 - **Payment can be done by cheque, American Express, VISA or MasterCard (no tax applies for payment made by the Local).** However, tax does apply to personal payments by the delegate. Reservation deadline is **Friday, October 6, 2023**.

**Cancellations** must be done in writing and sent by email or fax by **October 20, 2023** – at 3:00 pm at the latest. If not, the Local will be billed for the first night's accommodation.

## **Child Care**

Free child care is available for children of eligible delegates **during conference hours only**. An eligible delegate is a single parent, a parent **not** accompanied by a spouse/companion, or where **both** parents are delegates. Delegates requiring childcare **must pre-register by Friday, October 6, 2023**. Include the attached childcare form with the reservation form. Last minute childcare registrations may result in disappointment if there are insufficient staff. A late fee applies.

**Please e-mail, fax or mail the reservation form to:**

**Unifor Family Education Centre (Attention: Reservations)**  
**115 Shipley Avenue, Port Elgin, ON NOH 2C5**  
**Email: [confcentre@unifor.org](mailto:confcentre@unifor.org) / Fax: (519) 389-3222**

## **Payments**

Include the following:

- Port Elgin Reservation form

- \$60 conference registration fee. **Each delegate must pay \$60 by a separate cheque** to cover conference materials, etc. Make the cheque payable to: **Unifor Family Education Centre.**
- A separate cheque for accommodation and meals.
- Child care form.

## Conference Hours

The conference begins after dinner Thursday with a simultaneously translated plenary session at 7 pm.

- It will be followed by a social (cash bar) in Union Station.
- Friday and Saturday sessions run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (with breaks and lunch).
- Sunday morning's session will run from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

## Arrival

- Room check-in starts at 3 p.m. Thursday, October 26, 2023.
- Registration begins at 3 p.m.
- Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. in the dining room.
- **The simultaneously translated plenary session commences at 7 p.m. Thursday.**
- Late room check-in is available after 10 p.m. by pressing "maintenance buzzer" outside the main administration office.
- Check-out time is by 11 a.m. Sunday. Check out at the main administration office. Telephone charges are to be paid upon check-out.

In solidarity,



**Erin Harrison**  
National Representative



**Lisa Contini**  
National Representative

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Encls:

- Unifor Family Education Centre Reservation Form
- Unifor Child Care Form
- Workshop Selection Form

cc: L Payne, Len Poirier, Assistants, NEB Members, National Representatives  
Rail Lodge Chairpersons & Presidents  
Port Elgin Reservations, Port Elgin Child Care – Laurie Wright

# RESERVATION FORM

**Unifor Family Education Centre**

115 Shipley Avenue, Port Elgin, Ontario N0H 2C5

Toll Free: 1.800.265.3735 ext. 3221 • Fax: 519.389.3222 • Email: [confcentre@unifor.org](mailto:confcentre@unifor.org)

Event/Conference Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Mailing Address Information**

Local Union: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Province/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Labour Organization/Corporate Mailing Address Information**

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Province/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Information - complete names only if they are attending:**

Spouse/Partner attending: Yes  No  Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children Attending: Yes  No  Child Care Required: Yes  No

*(Check with your event/conference organizer if childcare is offered and, if so, request a childcare form for completion)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DD/MM/YY: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DD/MM/YY: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DD/MM/YY: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DD/MM/YY: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Requirements** (i.e. diet, accessible room, no stairs, medical, off-site accommodations, etc.)

No:  Yes:  Explain: \_\_\_\_\_ Off-site meal package

Do you smoke? No:  Yes:  (If so, we will provide ground floor access to patio if available)

**Rooming Request (Partner):** \_\_\_\_\_

**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

Full payment for room and board will be made by (please check one):

Labour Organization (Union/Union Associate)  Corporate (Non-union)  Guest

I authorize payment of the following accommodations for this delegate:

shared room with another delegate  delegate only single room  delegate & family

**Contact person to authorize payment:** \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Method of payment (please check one):**  M/C  Visa  American Express

Credit card number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/yy)

Cheque: *Payable to Unifor Family Education Centre - send with this form - no personal cheques*

Registration Fee: # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Room and Board Fee: # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**If costs incurred are not covered by your local, please complete the following information:**

Personal Visa/MC/AMEX: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/yy)

**I agree to be personally liable in the event that the indicated person, corporation or labour organization fails to pay for any part or the full amount of the invoice.** The Centre assumes no responsibility for loss of money, jewels, or other valuables and is not responsible for articles left in rooms or automobiles.

Guest Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**UNIFOR CHILD CARE SERVICES REGISTRATION FORM**

**Unifor Family Education Centre 115 Shipley Avenue, Port Elgin, Ontario NOH 2C5  
Telephone: (519) 389-3233 Fax: (519) 389-3544 E-mail: fecchildcare@unifor.org**

Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_ . Date: \_\_\_\_\_ .

**CHILD INFORMATION**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Full Name

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street & Number City Province Postal Code

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ . Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_  
(day / month /year)

Principal Home Language: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of people to whom the child may be released: \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT INFORMATION**

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Local # (i.e. L. 222): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (If different than above): \_\_\_\_\_  
Street & Number City/Town Province Postal Code

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL INFORMATION**

Child's Health Card Number and Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your child receiving any medication on an ongoing basis? If yes describe what medication is for and times that it is to be taken:  
Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Does your child suffer from any medical conditions such as allergies, asthma and disease? If "yes", please list and explain in detail the medical condition:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any dietary restrictions? If yes please list/explain: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_. No: \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any special needs such as but not limited to ADD, ADHD, Autism, Asperger Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy? If "yes", please list and explain in detail the special need:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any behavioural issues/concerns that we need to be aware of in order to maintain his/her safety and the safety of the other children? If "yes", please list and explain in detail the behavioural issues/concerns:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Is your child physically able to take part in all program activities? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_. No: \_\_\_\_\_.  
If no, please list restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

### CONSENTS

Do you grant permission for your son/daughter/ward to participate on short supervised walks or excursions within a 2 km. radius from Unifor Child Care facility in Port Elgin or the city that the program is taking place in?  
Yes: \_\_\_\_\_. No: \_\_\_\_\_

In the case of a medical emergency, every effort will be made to contact the child's parent(s) or guardian(s):

A. In the event of a medical emergency do you hereby grant permission for the staff of Unifor Child Care Services who are trained in emergency first aid and CPR to attend to your child?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_. No: \_\_\_\_\_

B. In the event that you cannot be reached, do you hereby grant permission for a physician/hospital, as selected by the Unifor Child Care Service to hospitalize and/or secure proper treatment for your child?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_. No: \_\_\_\_\_

The Unifor Child Care Service is a high profile program, do you hereby grant permission for your son/daughter/ward to be video taped or photographed by public media or Unifor Public Relations?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_. No: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



# EI/CPP Education Conference

October 26 to October 29, 2023  
Unifor Family Education Centre, Port Elgin

## Workshop Pre-Registration

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Local Union#: \_\_\_\_\_ Workplace: \_\_\_\_\_

Sector (auto, retail, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Language Preference: French\_\_\_ English \_\_\_ Translation Required: Yes\_\_\_ No\_\_\_

**Note: These condensed workshops will be for Friday and Saturday morning. There will be additional group activities and plenary sessions with speakers during the conference.**

| <b>Friday Morning Workshops</b> |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| Choice # _____                  | <p><b>Appeals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn about the appeal process from a licensed paralegal who has done many cases for Unifor</li> <li>• Hear about recent appeal victories</li> <li>• Expand your knowledge on jurisprudence</li> </ul>                                    |
| Choice # _____                  | <p><b>Canada Pension Plan:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service Canada CPP staff</li> <li>• Retirement Benefits, Disability Benefits, Survivor Benefits, Old Age Security, Guaranteed Income Supplement, etc.</li> <li>• Updates CPP Benefits, OAS Benefits, GIS Benefits</li> </ul> |



| <b>Saturday Morning Workshops</b> |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| Choice # _____                    | <b>EI: Basics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service Canada EI Staff</li> <li>• Regular Benefits, Special Benefits (Maternity, Parental, Compassionate Care), ROEs, Allocation of Separation Pay,</li> </ul>   |
| Choice # _____                    | <b>EI: Intermediate/Advanced</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service Canada EI Staff</li> <li>• Updates Regular Benefits, Special Benefits, SUB benefits</li> <li>• Review: ROEs, Work Sharing, Workforce Reduction Program, Allocation of Separation Pay, Layoffs after Labour Disputes, etc.</li> </ul> |
| Choice # _____                    | <b>Canada Pension Plan Disability</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service Canada CPP staff</li> <li>• This workshop provides an in-depth focus on CPP Disability Benefits</li> </ul>  |

**\*Simultaneous translation will be offered for workshops and communicated upon completion of the registration process.**

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