

# Convention Call

Information for the 31<sup>st</sup> Constitutional Convention  
of the Canadian Labour Congress





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TO: All Affiliated Organizations, Federations of Labour and Labour Councils

# Greetings!

The 31<sup>st</sup> Constitutional Convention of the Canadian Labour Congress will be held from Monday, May 11 to Friday May 15, 2026, at the RBC Convention Centre, located at 375 York Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 3J3.

A copy of the [delegate credential form](#) required for registration at Convention can be found at [canadianlabour.ca/convention2026](#). Also included in this package is helpful advice on how to prepare and submit resolutions, how to complete and submit delegate credentials, and how to secure accommodation and child care services. A list of important times and key gatherings is also provided along with information to help with your delegates' travel arrangements. We have also included a brief summary of the educational offerings, that will be held on Friday, May 15, 2026.

Representation at Conventions of the Canadian Labour Congress, as well as the procedure for submitting policy resolutions, petitions, appeals and constitutional amendments are governed by **Articles 10, 11, 12 and 23** of the [CLC Constitution](#), which can be found at [canadianlabour.ca/convention2026](#).

**All organizations are encouraged to consider equity representation (women, Indigenous workers, workers of colour, workers with disabilities, 2SLGBTQI+ workers) and young workers (age 30 or younger) as part of their delegations.**

The registration fee for each delegate is \$450 (no fee is required for alternate delegates) and must be submitted along with the credential form no later than the deadline below.

**The deadline for receiving RESOLUTIONS is Tuesday, February 10, 2026**

**The deadline for receiving CREDENTIALS is Monday, April 13, 2026**

Resolutions (in the proper format) may be sent one of two ways:

1. By mail at the address below; or
2. Electronically, via the special Convention portal (please see instructions).

Credentials should be submitted electronically or mailed to the Canadian Labour Congress

**ATTENTION: CONVENTION OFFICE**, 2841 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K1V 8X7.

In solidarity,



Lily Chang  
Secretary-Treasurer

# Registration and Credentials

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR REGISTERING YOUR DELEGATES

Once your organization has filled its delegate entitlement, according to the provisions of the CLC Constitution, they must be registered with the CLC's Convention Office.

- a. The completed and signed credential form should be sent to [convention@clcctc.ca](mailto:convention@clcctc.ca). The registration fee is \$450 for each delegate, you will be contacted about payment once we receive your credential forms.
- b. Each credential form must bear the original signature of your organization's presiding officer.
- c. No fee is required to register alternate delegates.
- d. No refunds after Saturday, April 11, 2026.
- e. The credential form can be downloaded at [canadianlabour.ca/convention2026](https://canadianlabour.ca/convention2026)

The deadline for receiving **credentials** is Monday, April 13, 2026.

The deadline for receiving **accessibility requests** is Monday, April 13, 2026.

The deadline for receiving **child care requests** is Monday, April 13, 2026.

## REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 10	12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.
Monday, May 11	8:00 a.m. to noon   1:30 p.m. until adjournment
Tuesday May 12	8:00 a.m. to noon   1:30 p.m. until adjournment
Wednesday, May 13	8:00 a.m. to noon   1:30 p.m. until adjournment

# Agenda

## MEETINGS AND FORUMS AT CONVENTION

<b>Labour Council Forum</b>	Sunday, May 10 – 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
<b>International Solidarity Forum &amp; Reception</b>	Sunday, May 10 – 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
<b>New Delegate Orientation</b>	Monday, May 11 – 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
<b>Young Workers’ Forum</b>	Monday, May 11 – 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
<b>Women’s Forum</b>	Tuesday, May 12 – 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
<b>Human Rights Forum</b>	Wednesday, May 13 – 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

## EQUITY CAUCUSES AND ELECTIONS

<b>Workers with Disabilities</b> Caucus Election Caucus	Tuesday, May 12 – 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Wednesday, May 13 – 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
<b>Workers of Colour</b> Caucus Election Caucus	Tuesday, May 12 – 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Thursday, May 14 – 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
<b>Women</b> Caucus	Monday, May 11 – 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
<b>Young Workers</b> Caucus Election Caucus	Monday, May 11 – 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13 – 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
<b>2SLGBTQI+ Workers</b> Caucus Election Caucus	Tuesday, May 12 – 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 13 – 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
<b>Indigenous Workers</b> Caucus Election Caucus	Monday, May 11 – 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. Tuesday, May 12 – 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

# Education

## FRIDAY EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP SERIES

Labour education is the foundation and the future of Canada's unions – by allowing members to connect, learn, and grow together.

Join us on Friday, May 15, to learn with labour in an Educational Workshop Series.

Delegates can choose between seven skill-building workshops that will provide them with the opportunity to reflect on Convention themes and goals and learn concrete ways to apply them in their workplace, union, and community.

All workshops will run from 9:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. on Friday, May 15. If you are planning to participate, please ensure that your travel and accommodation arrangements are made with these workshops in mind.

## WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

**Real Talk, Tough Conversations (two workshops, one in French and one in English):** Participants will review and practice the basic skills for keeping their cool while navigating tough conversations with folks that disagree with us, or who are being influenced by misinformation. These are useful skills for the workplace, the union and the kitchen table.

**Building Your Strategy to Win (English only):** Participants will learn the key aspects of a successful strategy (goals, theory of change, audience, tactics, measurements of success, timelines) and will review examples of common scenarios faced by unions and labour councils to solidify their understanding of the key aspects of any successful strategy.

**From Myths to Power: A Worker's Guide to the Economy (English with simultaneous translation):** In this introductory course, participants will learn the basics of how the economy works, and how to push back on and debunk economic myths. Participants will also learn how to apply this knowledge to core union work like bargaining, member engagement, and policy advocacy.

**Digital Tools for Engagement and Action (English only):** Discover how platforms like Action Network can help unions connect with members, mobilize support, and take political action. Through real-world examples, participants will learn how digital tools are being used to build power and run effective campaigns.

**Member Mapping (English only):** Participants will learn and practice techniques for mapping their unions and workplaces, and how to integrate member maps into their work. Drawing on Kevin Millsip's "Go, Listen, Build" theory for member organizing, in order to "Go" to workers, we must first know who they are, where they work, and what they care about.

**Empowering Campaigners Outside of Elections (English only):** This workshop explains the difference between being "political" and being "partisan", with emphasis on the importance of sustained political action outside of federal, provincial and/or municipal election periods. This workshop gives practical skills, tools, templates and best practices for leveraging previous volunteer experience to deepen engagement.

Please follow [this link](#) to register for your workshop.

# Resolutions

Resolutions submitted to the 2026 CLC Convention will be available to the delegates as of Friday, April 10, 2026.

## SUBMITTING YOUR RESOLUTIONS BY MAIL

- a. Each resolution must be signed by the presiding officer of the organization.
- b. The name of the submitting organization must be on each resolution.
- c. Each resolution must be submitted on a separate sheet, deal only with one subject and be **no longer than 150 words**.
- d. If you are only submitting a resolution by mail, the signed original must be mailed to:  
**Canadian Labour Congress, Convention Office**  
**2841 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K1V 8X7**

## SUBMITTING YOUR RESOLUTIONS ONLINE

To submit resolutions through the CLC online portal, you will need a login account and your organization's assigned digital key, which was provided through the delegate entitlement letter. If you do not know the digital key, you can contact your national office, or email [convention@clcctc.ca](mailto:convention@clcctc.ca) and one will be sent to you.

1. Go to <https://sms.clcctc.ca>.
2. If you know your account login, enter your username and password. Use "forgot username" or "forgot password" if you don't remember your login credentials or "Create a new account" if this is your first time using the CLC online portal.
3. Once logged in, choose **RESOLUTIONS**.
4. Enter the unique digital key for your accredited organization and choose **SUBMIT**.
5. Type or cut-and-paste your resolution into the text box. You cannot enter more than **150 words**. You do not need to enter the name of your organization, as it will be added automatically when you submit the resolution.
6. Select the **SUBMIT** button to send the resolution. You will receive a unique numbered receipt with the date of the submission, your name and the name of your organization. Print the receipt for your records.
7. To check the progress of your resolution, choose "resolution status" on the main resolution page and enter your digital key. You will then be able to locate all resolutions submitted by your organization.

**All resolutions must be [received](#) at the CLC or submitted online by 5:00 p.m. EST Tuesday, February 10, 2026. Resolutions cannot be submitted by fax.**

# CLEAR LANGUAGE IS THE WAY TO GO

In the union movement, much of our written material is technical and complex. Our collective agreements, constitutions, training courses, etc., often use language which limits understanding and access for many of our members. Convention resolutions are no exception. The best way – is clear language.

## WHY USE A CLEAR LANGUAGE FORMAT FOR RESOLUTIONS?

As part of an effort to promote more effective communication with our members, the CLC and several affiliated unions and federations of labour have adopted a clear format language as the preferred way to submit resolutions to convention. While both traditional and clear language formats for writing resolutions will be accepted at the 2026 convention, we are encouraging unions to use a clear language format.

<b>TRADITIONAL</b> <b>TITLE:</b> SCENT FREE WORKPLACE <b>ORIGINATOR:</b> UNION – LOCAL 123	<b>CLEAR LANGUAGE</b> <b>TITLE:</b> SCENT FREE WORKPLACE <b>ORIGINATOR:</b> UNION – LOCAL 123
<b>WHEREAS</b> Employees should have the right to work in a scent free/chemical free environment; and should not have to become sick at work because some of the products used by other employees are making them ill; and  <b>WHEREAS</b> Not having clean air to breathe, in their work environment, is a health and safety issue; and  <b>WHEREAS</b> With a scent free working environment, all employees could breathe easier; and  <b>WHEREAS</b> Many employees experience severe reactions to various scented products;  <b>BE IT RESOLVED THAT</b> The federal government establish and enforce scent free work environments for all offices.	<b>THE PROBLEM OR ISSUE:</b> Employees should have the right to work in an environment free from scented products that can cause severe reactions.  Reactions to scented products, like perfume and aftershave, can make employees sick which is a health and safety issue.  <b>THE ACTION REQUESTED:</b> That the government of Canada establish a scent free policy for all government offices.



# Travelling and Staying in Winnipeg

## TRAVEL DISCOUNTS TO HELP YOUR DELEGATES GET TO WINNIPEG

AIR CANADA and WESTJET have offered substantial savings to our delegates who will be travelling by air. If you wish to take advantage of these savings, please contact:

Air Canada at 1-888-247-2262 (in Canada), TTY 1-833-984-0896 (hearing impaired) or online at [www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca). Please quote promotional code **CHAGAMP1**.

WestJet at 1-888-937-8538 (in Canada), TTY 1-877-952-0100 (hearing impaired) or online at [www.westjet.com](http://www.westjet.com). Please quote promotional code **2Z0I2IL**.

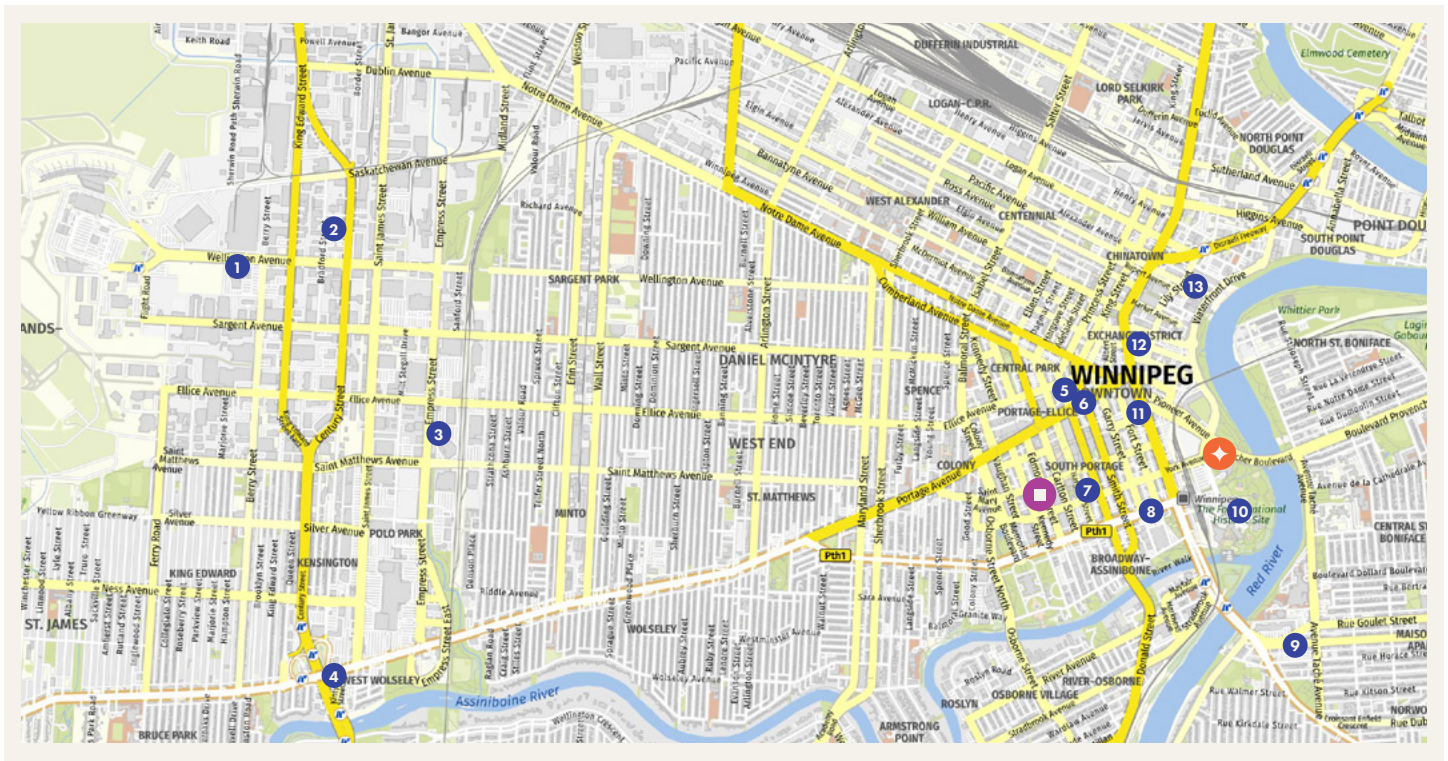
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Via Rail at 1-888-842-7245 (in Canada) TTY 1-800-268-9503 (hearing impaired) or online at [www.viarail.ca](http://www.viarail.ca). In all cases, please quote the promotional code **16012**.

## LODGING IN WINNIPEG

Delegates who are in need of lodging in Winnipeg should contact WE Union Travel to make reservations at our discounted rate with hotels by calling 1-833-778-9669, 604-282-3945 or 613-366-4750, online at [www.weuniontravel.ca](http://www.weuniontravel.ca), or by email at [events@weuniontravel.ca](mailto:events@weuniontravel.ca). Reservations are on a first come, first served basis and must be made by April 6, 2026.



NAME	ADDRESS	DISTANCE FROM CONVENTION CENTRE
 RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg	375 York Avenue	
 Canadian Museum for Human Rights	85 Israel Asper Way	1.1 km
 1 Victoria Inn Hotel & Convention Centre	1808 Wellington Avenue	5.9 km
 2 Best Western Plus Winnipeg Airport Hotel	1715 Wellington Avenue	5.3 km
 3 Canad Inns Destination Centre Polo Park	1405 St Matthews Avenue	3.9 km
 4 Viscount Gort Hotel Banquet and Conference Centre	1670 Portage Avenue	4.9 km
 5 Alt Hotel Winnipeg	310 Donald Street	700 m
 6 Radisson Hotel Winnipeg Downtown	288 Portage Avenue	700 m
 7 Hampton Inn by Hilton Winnipeg Downtown	330 York Avenue	260 m
 8 The Fort Garry Hotel	222 Broadway	700 m
 9 Norwood Hotel	112 Marion Street	2.1 km
 10 Inn at the Forks	75 Forks Market Road	1.3 km
 11 Humphry Inn & Suites	260 Main Street	750 m
 12 Fairmont Winnipeg	2 Lombard Place	1.3 km
 13 Mere Hotel	333 Waterfront Drive	1.7 km

