



Feds to amend insolvency legislation to protection pensions

The federal government is reforming the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act and the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act on November 1, 2019 to enhance retirement security and protect pension plans. As it announced in its [2019 budget](#) in March, the reforms are aimed at making the insolvency process fairer, more transparent and more accessible. These changes are partly in response to three lawsuits that were filed in 2018 by parties seeking the best possible outcome for former Sears Canada Inc. employees with regard to the funding deficit of their defined benefit pension plan.

Crew Rest

The members of the Crew Rest Committee will be holding a Meet and Greet on September 14 from 8h to 13h in the YYZ Comm Centre. Speak directly to your union to have all your crew rest questions and concerns addressed. Click [here](#) for PDF versions of this Committee's bulletins.

Apply to sit on CUPE's national committees

Every two years, following our national convention, we seek applications from our membership to serve on CUPE's 18 national committees and working groups. These committees provide an opportunity for CUPE members to contribute to the work of our national union on the many important issues and activities that shape our direction. We are seeking appointments to the following national committees and working groups:

- National Aboriginal Council
- National Advisory Committee on Pensions
- National Child Care Working Group
- National Contracting Out and Privatization Co-ordinating Committee
- National Environment Committee
- National Global Justice Committee
- National Health and Safety Committee
- National Health Care Issues Committee
- National Library Committee
- National Literacy Working Group
- National Persons with Disabilities Committee
- National Pink Triangle Committee
- National Political Action Committee
- National Post-Secondary Task Force
- National Committee on Racism, Discrimination and Employment Equity (National Rainbow Committee)
- National Transportation Committee
- National Women's Committee
- National Young Workers' Committee (open to members 30 years or younger)

Click [here](#) for more info on the application procedure.

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Give one of the servers at the airport A & W a union card and wait for the management SWAT team roll in. Over the summer a secret union busting conference took place at the Airport Hilton where YYZ was cited as the most unionized and union friendly community in the country. To them it's a horror, to us it should be a badge of pride. Nancy Wuttunee, Vice-President of A&W Canada's department of "People Potential," and Mike Atkinson, A&W's regional VP for eastern Canada, explained their company keeps a "watch list" of franchises that are "high risk" for unionizing.

"Toronto Airport is the best example," Atkinson added. "We operate a very high volume restaurant in Toronto Airport, one of our highest volume restaurants in Canada, and it's surrounded by union employees."

"Close to 40,000 people work at Toronto Airport, associated with airlines, ground crew, baggage handlers, whatever — most of those folks are unionized."

Wuttunee also revealed that A&W has a "fire drill," a rapid-response "crisis management process" for responding to things that "worry us" such as when a customer handed an A&W cashier a union card at an understaffed restaurant.

"We stop everything we're doing, it's a fire drill, and we get people on the phone," Wuttunee explained.

<https://pressprogress.ca/aw-tells-anti-union-conference-it-keeps-a-secret-watch-list-to-make-sure-workers-dont-unionize/>

Federal Government Seeking to drop drug prices

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is [overhauling](#) Canada's drug-pricing regime for the first time in more than 30 years, a move that could cost drug makers billions in sales and raise the stakes in a U.S. debate over prescription costs.

Trudeau, who is trying to fend off a conservative challenger in an election in October, has pushed through new regulations to drop the U.S. from a basket of countries Canada uses to cap domestic drug prices. The move is part of a wider revamp that marks "the biggest step to lower drug prices in a generation," said Health Minister Ginette Petitpas Taylor.

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