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Unifor Constitutional Convention – August 19 – 25, 2019

Hilton Hotel, Quebec City, Quebec

Synopsis respectfully submitted by **Tony Sisti**,
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The theme of the conference was “**Whatever it Takes**”.

There were **three** important resolutions that impacted retirees and the resolve was all favourable to the retirees. There were contentious issues for the former CEP Locals in parts of Article 12.

- 1) The **Constitutional Amendment C-12** submitted by Local 27C wanted to erode all Unifor retiree rights by eliminating our right to vote for the Local Executive Board and on money matters at meetings. Local 27C is out of Toronto that represents Bell workers. The Constitutional Amendment Committee moved non-concurrence and that motion passed, therefore defeating the motion. Retirees will remain a viable asset to their Locals.
- 2) The **Constitutional Amendments C13, 14, 15 & 16** asked for Sections 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14 in Article 12 be deleted. It restricts the former CEP Locals from immediately forming a Retirees chapter. Under the current Constitution it stated that under **Predecessor CEP Locals** needed 25 new retirees as of that date (September 1, 2013) to form a Retirees Chapter. There was debate on both sides of this issue. It was comforting to see a couple Local Presidents go on the mic. Sandy Knight from Local 584 and Dave Thomas from Local 707 talked about how their retirees are a benefit to their Local.
- 3) The other issue was **Constitutional Amendment C-18** which ensures that the Retired Workers Council Executive (RWCE) were accepted as voting delegates at the Regional Council’s where they reside out of including Canadian Councils. These will be in the new constitution of our only Unifor.

In Solidarity,
Tony Sisti

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