

Chris Buckley

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Chris Buckley is a lifelong trade unionist and social justice advocate.

Chris Buckley is running for the presidency of the Ontario Federation of Labour with the goal of rebuilding the federation and engaging affiliates so that workers in Ontario can be better represented by a powerful, cohesive and progressive labour movement.



He is the former President of Unifor Local 222 in Oshawa and chair of the GM Master Bargaining Committee, where he led negotiations with General Motors for four rounds of talks.

Chris is best known for leading the fight against the Oshawa truck plant closure by General Motors and the 12-day blockade of the General Motors Canadian headquarters, garnering international attention to the issue of job loss and the decline of 'Made in Canada.'

Chris served as the co-chair of the campaign cabinet of the United Way of Durham Region for eight years. He was also a volunteer leader for the YWCA's 'One Man at a Time' campaign, aimed at ending violence against women. Chris was a NDP candidate in the 2011 federal election in the riding of Oshawa. He also previously organized and hosted a large-scale event for students in the Durham Region 'Our Youth, Our Future,' with the goal of building hope and optimism for a shared future. Chris has strong ties within the community, with the firm belief that through building strong relationships with allies we can better advocate for the change we want to see.

During his time as President of Local 222, Chris Chris was a member of the CAW's rank-and-file national executive board, where he participated in the major decisions of the union. Chris was also a member of the committee tasked with overseeing the formation of Unifor and played a pivotal role in the transition to the new union. Chris is known by fellow trade unionists and community partners as progressive, thoughtful and pragmatic.