

# UNIFOR ONTARIO REGIONAL COUNCIL

## RECOMMENDATIONS

December 6 – 8, 2013

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1. I recommend that the Unifor Ontario Council support the amended by-laws and its appendices.
2. I recommend that the Unifor Ontario Council express its support for the continuing struggle to stop violence against women in all its forms, and commit to promote the national online survey “Can work be safe when home isn’t” in all Unifor workplaces, local and regional meetings and conferences scheduled between today December 6, 2013 and June 6, 2014.
3. I recommend that all local unions in Ontario commit to participate in the Unifor Good Jobs Summit, to occur in Toronto in October 2014, including sponsoring pre-summit forums and other events in their communities, engaging with youth and social partners, and sending delegates to participate in the Summit itself.
4. I recommend that all local unions in Ontario support Unifor’s campaign to defend the Rand Formula as our top political priority over the next year, including participation in our leadership tour in the New Year, and a full commitment to symbolically re-sign all our members as a symbol of the strength and solidarity of our union.
5. I recommend that Unifor local leaders and activists campaign to oppose Tim Hudak’s regressive vision for Ontario.

### **National Energy and Environmental Strategy**

6. I recommend that Unifor’s Ontario Council express its support for the concept of a national energy and environmental strategy for Canada, including the following principles:
  - a. Binding and ambitious targets to reduce Canada’s greenhouse gas emissions;
  - b. Future expansion of bitumen production needs to be managed in line with those greenhouse gas caps;
  - c. Systematic efforts to ensure more Canadian content and Canadian value-added at all stages of the energy supply chain, including machinery, services, extraction, upgrading, processing, and manufacturing;
  - d. Prohibitions on the export of raw bitumen, and requirements for upgrading and processing of petroleum in Canada;

- e. Efforts to match Canadian energy production with Canadian needs, and reduce imports of oil;
- f. Completion of a Canada-wide energy grid (including pipelines and electricity transmission) to improve Canadian energy security and independence;
- g. An ambitious green energy investment plan, including investment in alternative and renewable energy sources, energy conservation, and urban transit;
- h. Support for the National Executive Board's call for a national moratorium on unconventional fracking until safety, environmental, and First Nations concerns are addressed.

The Ontario Council will participate fully with Unifor's other bodies (including our new Energy Council) to develop this national energy and environmental strategy, and present it to the meeting of Premiers next year.