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## Unifor Local 1285 Retirees

Greetings to all Retirees & their families.

We hope this letter finds all members & their families coping as best as they can during these difficult times and hoping everyone is staying healthy & safe!

Although we have not been able to hold any meetings or socials at all during this pandemic, the Local is still functioning daily – limited amounts of people are able to meet while enforcing social distancing and wearing masks. Our Local also purchased additional sanitizers and masks to donate to several charities throughout our community. We've increased our monetary amount over and above our annual donations to the food banks, as well as increasing locations to include Orangeville and Georgetown.

As of March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, our Executive Board has changed. Acclaimed officers were, Danny Price, President, Vito Beato, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President & Lisa Contini, Financial Secretary – **then Covid-19!** Our traditional elections were postponed twice during the spring and with no other choice, we had to conduct our first Local electronic election. Joe Giorgi was elected as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. June 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020 marked that milestone! A huge thanks goes out to our Retirees for their support during this election. This was their largest percentage of voting, from the Retirees for the Local Executive election to date as many took advantage of voting online. We will be looking at continuing online voting for future elections.

As September approaches so does the Detroit 3 Bargaining. August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 was the official 'hand-off' with the Company – certainly not in the 'traditional' way. But through Zoom, Web net & conference calls the committees have been able to move forward. Our Master Bargaining Committee will be convening in Toronto with the Company starting Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>. The committees will be meeting in smaller numbers using more meeting rooms respecting social distancing, masks and safety glasses. Information will be updated on our web site during bargaining at [www.uniforlocal1285.ca](http://www.uniforlocal1285.ca)

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, the Executive Board had to make the tough decision to cancel our Retiree BBQ in September, our Children's Christmas party & Retiree Christmas luncheon in November – our members safety is a top priority. The National also had to cancel the Labour Day parade in Toronto, as the city is not issuing permits due to Covid. We will still be reaching out to our Retirees and families with children under the age of 12 and spreading Christmas cheer in a safe way! Once again, any updates can be found on our web site. Be safe!

In solidarity,

Local 1285 Executive Board