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*Brandon MacKinnon,
Business Manager
LiUNA Local 1059*

Dear Members,

With 2024 now in the books, we look forward to continuing our hard work this year while recognizing that our current economic landscape is uncertain. Despite that uncertainty, I urge everyone to remain optimistic. If 2024 taught us anything, it's that we can rely on the diversity of our Local union, one of our greatest strengths. Although last year was slower in a few of our major sectors, others picked up the slack, with contributed hours nearly the same as 2023—our busiest year on record. Moving forward, we'll be keeping an eye on the industry-wide effects that US tariffs could have on building materials and the continued cooling of southwestern Ontario's residential building sector, but we are confident that large infrastructure and energy projects in the region will offset any downturns.

From now until the end of April, the Local 1059 team will be diligently bargaining Collective Agreements on our members' behalf. While this round of bargaining will be challenging, we are confident in our ability to secure fair settlements that address our members' needs.

We can now officially share that Local 1059 will receive approximately \$6.34 million from the Ontario Government's Skills Development Fund to help build a new state-of-the-art training centre in Walkerton. This facility, which is expected to cost around \$12.7 million in total, is a major investment in the future of our skilled trades workforce across southwestern Ontario. It will provide critical training opportunities for our members and apprentices across Bruce, Grey, Huron, and Perth counties. Construction is expected to start as early as this summer. With this new training centre, we'll be able to offer cutting-edge resources to help our membership build the skills needed to thrive in the industry. We're excited for what this transformational facility will mean for our membership, the Local, and the broader community.

Our signature members' event at The Factory took place in March and remains our most highly-anticipated gathering, with approximately 2,500 members and their families joining this year. This event provides a special opportunity for our community to come together, enjoy a day of fun and entertainment, and celebrate the strength and unity of our union. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us to make this event a success—we can't wait to create more memorable experiences in the future.

Local 1059 recently launched Discovery+, a brand-new preventative health care program available to members and their dependents through our partnership with MembersHealth. This innovative program is designed to help you take charge of your well-being with personalized health plans, real-time monitoring, and early detection tools to prevent illness before it starts. Signing up is easy. Scan the

QR code on page 37 and fill out a quick intake form. Afterwards, MembersHealth will contact you to schedule an initial consultation so you can take advantage of all the benefits Discovery+ has to offer.

The Local recently created a brand-new recruitment ad highlighting our commitment to attracting the next generation of skilled tradespeople. As one of LiUNA Canada's fastest-growing Locals, we recognise the rising demand for skilled workers and want to ensure we continue to build a strong workforce for the future. The ad—currently playing at London Lightning Basketball games and available to view on our social media channels—is just the beginning. We're excited to share our story with the community and attract both aspiring apprentices and seasoned tradespeople to our Training Centre, where they can develop their skills and build a strong future in the trades. Thank you to the members who were involved. Stay tuned for more opportunities to see the ad as we continue to expand its reach.

This August, we're teaming up with Skills Ontario to host our first BUILD IT! Youth Construction Camp. This exciting new initiative will provide young people in Grades 7-9 a hands-on introduction to the world of skilled trades and construction. Campers will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in hands-on experiences, working alongside LiUNA Local 1059 instructors and Skills Ontario counsellors. This unique program is based on our Red Seal-certified Construction Craft Worker training, offering participants a one-of-a-kind introduction to the skills and knowledge that will help shape the future of the construction industry.

Federal Labour Minister Steven MacKinnon recently visited Local 1059, an important step in strengthening our relationship with government partners and advocating for our members. The main goal of the visit was to discuss the impact of US tariffs on the construction industry and to explore ways we can work together to mitigate their effects. As a union committed to the well-being of our members, we are actively engaging with government officials to ensure that Local 1059 workers are supported and that the broader construction sector remains strong and competitive. We look forward to continuing this dialogue to protect our industry and the livelihoods of those who depend on it.

Finally, on behalf of the Executive Board and myself, we look forward to a pivotal year for the Local and our membership. Rest assured we will do whatever it takes to ensure members have gainful employment and to position ourselves to defend against the economic uncertainty our region, province, and country is facing. Here's to a productive, safe, and prosperous 2025!

All my best,
Brandon MacKinnon
Business Manager

BUSINESS REP RECAP



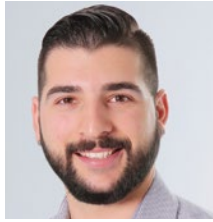
Carlo Mastrogiuseppe

Local 1059 has won a long, hard-fought battle to successfully unionize E.C. King Contracting, a division of Miller Paving Limited that has operated in Grey, Bruce, Huron, Perth, and Wellington counties since 1945.

This significant achievement not only grows Local 1059's membership in the civil sector by approximately 30 hard-working labourers, but also marks another major step towards growing the union's market share in the region. We are very excited to offer strong wages, benefits, and pension packages to these workers and look forward to further strengthening our recruitment and support for skilled workers across southwestern Ontario.

The Local has also unionized ABA Construction/TM. Based in London, ABA is family-owned and operated, specializing in asphalt paving, milling, maintenance, and repair.

Local 1059 has recently renegotiated its agreement with CJ Pink, the Dorchester-based precast company. This updated five-year agreement covers 34 industrial members. It includes an average wage increase of 18.5% over nine classifications by 2028, as well as several improvements to benefits and bonuses, ensuring continued strong wages and working conditions for our members in the precast sector.



Nathan Moniz

Local 1059 continues to stand strong for its members in the ICI sector, successfully holding employers accountable through grievances and legal action.

Recently, the Local secured victories against four employers—Melas Caulking (\$10,000), Fieldgate Construction (\$10,000), Dancor Construction (\$40,000), and Trueline Formwork (\$21,500)—for violations ranging from subcontracting work to non-union contractors to breaching hiring hall provisions. These efforts protect union jobs and uphold the integrity of Local 1059's agreements.

Additionally, the union has won two Superior Court of Justice orders to recover nearly \$80,000 in non-remitted member contributions from EAN Construction Group (\$42,504.36) and Forest City Demolition (\$34,854.68).

These hard-fought victories reinforce Local 1059's unwavering commitment to defending workers' rights, ensuring fair compensation, and preserving union standards across the region.



Josh Stewart and Joe Calvo

In the Utilities sector, Local 1059 has recently settled the following grievances:

- Krene, \$30,407.65 for unpaid remittances
- PNR, \$5,000 for a human rights issue

We're happy to announce that Drill It Utility Services, based in Chatham-Kent, has signed a Voluntary Recognition Agreement with Local 1059.

Signatory employers in Grey and Bruce counties are gearing up for a busy year, with significant infrastructure projects set to enhance the region's energy and communication networks. Ongoing investments in power distribution, telecommunications, and water services are driving increased demand for skilled trades, including Local 1059 members working in underground utilities, hydro installations, and fibre-optic expansions. With growing communities and an emphasis on modernizing critical services, this surge in activity presents strong job opportunities and reinforces the essential role that union labour plays in building and maintaining the region's infrastructure.



Visionary Business Manager, Jim MacKinnon, Celebrates 50-year Membership Milestone with Local 1059

A former Business Manager whose forward-thinking leadership helped transform a struggling southwestern Ontario union into one of LiUNA's fastest-growing Canadian locals is quietly marking a milestone—50 years of membership with Local 1059

Earlier this year, Jim MacKinnon arrived at the Local 1059 Training Centre and was greeted by President Carlo Mastrogiuseppe and Secretary-Treasurer Philip Da Silva. They presented him a folder containing his gold membership card, a 50-year certificate, and a letter from LiUNA General President Brent Booker and General Secretary-Treasurer Michael Sabitoni.

The recognition, though meaningful, was about as much fanfare as Jim was comfortable with. He's remained close to the organization since retiring in 2019, offering advice when requested, but he doesn't often speak about the impact he's made.

"What I'll remember most are the years I was active serving Local 1059's members and growing the organization," Jim said. "I have deep respect for the Local and its members. Without exception, Local 1059 wouldn't be where it is today without a team-driven executive board, business representatives, and staff."

Jim was 19 when he became a member in 1974. Born in Owen Sound, he found work at the Bruce Nuclear Power Development on construction of new heavy water plants and, two years later, a major project to build four new reactors.

Concerned about the state of the union, Jim volunteered in 1978 to be one of three unpaid auditors tasked with diagnosing the Local's most pressing issue—its budget. Still unsatisfied, Jim ran successfully for Secretary-Treasurer in 1982, determined to put the Local on more solid financial footing.

Local 1059 looked much different back then. With just 500 members split between London and Bruce County, the Local had little industry influence and was struggling financially.

When leadership challenges persisted, Jim said he reluctantly assumed the Business Manager's responsibilities in 1982. By 1986, however, Jim was prepared to make it official. He campaigned for and was elected Business Manager, a position he would reclaim every four years until his retirement.

The Local faced significant challenges, but Jim saw a clear opportunity to expand its reach. There were a large number of non-union workers in the region that fit the criteria in Local 1059's charter, he said. In some sectors such as concrete forming and curb, gutter, and sidewalk, Local 1059 had yet to sign up a single signatory employer.

In Jim's first term the Local employed two staff members, one business representative, and one organizer. They started organizing in sectors with the most potential for growth, finding particular interest from hard-working Portuguese immigrants who were living in London, Strathroy, and Mount Brydges.

"I wanted to give the Portuguese community fair representation on the Executive Board, as staff and business representatives," Jim said. "Those individuals in the 1980s and early 1990s were new Canadians, knew limited English, yet signed membership cards to become Local 1059



members and to unionize their employers. They put their livelihoods and their families on the line, giving the Local the benefit of the doubt that it would support them.

"Because of that, we were very successful in organizing," he continued. "Over time, employers and developers began seeing us as a very pragmatic organization that was flexible and could help them be successful and expand their businesses."

Jim's vision for Local 1059 went beyond fixing immediate problems—he wanted to elevate the professionalism of the organization, strengthen representation, and secure better wages and benefits for members.

Under his leadership, the Local also made significant strides in training and education.

In 1989, Local 1059 launched the Training Trust Fund and its first apprenticeship program in a strip mall on Clarke Rd. using a space donated by Eugen Drewlo, the late London developer. Support from two local construction associations and funding from the federal government helped the Training Fund get started.

"We needed more and better skilled workers, and we felt the only way to accomplish that was for employers and Local 1059 to take the lead," Jim said.

Bringing the province on board was more difficult. By the mid-1990s, Ontario was beginning to recognize the need to improve enrollment in the skilled trades, but financial support for training remained inconsistent and was often allocated by the federal government on a project-by-project basis rather than as part of a long-term strategy.

Jim and the Local pressed forward, expanding its training while persistently lobbying for more government support. Eventually, that effort paid off.

"We were the most instrumental Local union in convincing the provincial government to recognize our apprenticeship program, our

curriculums, and our standards on a province-wide basis for LiUNA," Jim said. That recognition meant more stable funding opportunities, strengthening the Local's ability to train future generations of skilled workers.

Today, the Local 1059 Training Trust Fund operates a state-of-the-art, 100,000-square-foot training facility in London that produces around 160 apprentices per year and offers a wide range of certifications for members. The decision to move to 635 Wilton Grove Rd. was promoted by Jim himself—a final punctuation mark on his efforts to position Local 1059 at the forefront of skilled trades education.

Now, Local 1059 is set to expand its training reach even further, preparing to break ground this year on a \$12 million training centre in Walkerton. The project—designed to serve members and apprentices in Bruce, Grey, Perth, and Huron counties—will receive over \$6 million in provincial funding, a signal that Local 1059 continues to enjoy the trust of its government partners.

"It's fantastic to see the provincial government step up and provide such a large amount of funding for that endeavor," Jim said, "and the fact that the Local, in the six years I've been gone, has stayed committed to the same philosophies and policies we put in place."

Jim's other contributions are numerous. The Local 1059 Wellness Centre, which provides members and their dependents with exclusive access to expanded services under the Local's industry-leading benefit plan, is a testament to the vision and leadership of Jim and his team.

In 2019, Jim agreed to take part in his retirement celebration only if the Local used it to launch a scholarship fund for members and their families. The event raised \$400,000, and the James MacKinnon Local 1059 Scholarship Fund has since supported more than 110 students with over \$170,000 in scholarship awards.

When Jim stepped down from his post after a 38-year run, he left it up to the Local's Executive Board and Business Representatives to come up with a succession plan. They endorsed Business Representative and President Brandon MacKinnon, who followed in his father's footsteps when he was elected Business Manager in 2019 and again in 2022.

"I truly believed the Executive Board, the Business Reps, should be the ones who decided who my successor was," Jim said. "I'm proud of their whole team."

Jim's focus is now on his four grandchildren.

"When I first started, early on I didn't spend much time during the week at home when my kids were young," Jim said. "Grandchildren have been the most rewarding part of my life at this point. It's a huge part of my life now."

But Jim also doesn't have any plans to stop supporting the team at Local 1059. As long as it's needed, Jim says he'll be around—though these days, he's more than happy to let the next generation take the lead.

"Local 1059 has always been my other family." ■



"I have deep respect for the Local and the people still here. Without exception, we wouldn't be where we are today without a team-driven executive board, business representatives, and staff."

Hours Worked by Members on Construction Projects 2022-2024

| COMPANY/SECTOR | HOURS WORKED 2022 | HOURS WORKED 2023 | HOURS WORKED 2024 |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Bruce Power - Appendix A | 198,580 | 141,410 | 131,336 |
| Concrete Forming | 1,401,660 | 1,425,890 | 1,383,245 |
| Concrete Sawcutting & Drilling | 30,639 | 22,398 | 21,345 |
| Curb, Gutter, Sidewalk | 208,452 | 244,587 | 225,242 |
| Demolition | 226,583 | 208,714 | 208,298 |
| Developer-Maintenance | 42,692 | 67,787 | 112,392 |
| EPSCA | 583,067 | 669,145 | 696,802 |
| Fencing | 100,602 | 121,116 | 115,395 |
| Gas Pipeline-Distribution | 197,124 | 118,324 | 66,490 |
| Gas Pipeline-Mainline | 168 | 364 | 351 |
| Gas Pipeline-Maintenance | 46,712 | 43,722 | 40,805 |
| House Builders | 123,930 | 126,912 | 148,003 |
| Hydro One-PWU | 5,593 | 12,374 | 18,086 |
| Hydro Vac | 31,117 | 36,385 | 46,029 |
| I.C.I. | 319,544 | 277,337 | 270,222 |
| Landscaping | 37,675 | 34,901 | 31,581 |
| Line Painting | 18,282 | 34,465 | 31,298 |
| Locates | 15,032 | 30,218 | 35,354 |
| Masonry (including Residential) | 140,997 | 113,644 | 166,005 |
| Precast | 20,194 | 9,444 | 9,532 |
| Railroad | 7,265 | 19,420 | 24,850 |
| Residential Asphalt/Paving | 63,146 | 66,282 | 64,323 |
| Residential Concrete/Driveways | 40,865 | 47,044 | 48,363 |
| Restoration | 130,130 | 143,114 | 114,594 |
| Roads, Asphalt, Bridges | 283,240 | 288,975 | 340,207 |
| Sewer & Watermain | 773,774 | 726,817 | 816,630 |
| Traffic Control | - | 1,360 | 6,762 |
| Utilities | 879,526 | 1,010,623 | 874,206 |
| Total Hours | 5,926,589 | 6,042,915 | 6,047,737 |



Ontario Introduces New Worker Protections Under Working for Workers Six Act

New legislation strengthens workplace safety, mandates properly fitting PPE, and introduces new protected leaves.

At the end of 2024, the Ontario government passed The Working for Workers Six Act, the latest in a series of legislative updates aimed at improving conditions and protections for workers across the province. Building on the changes introduced in the Working for Workers Five Act, this new law amends key employment statutes, including the Employment Standards Act and the Occupational Health and Safety Act.



Several provisions in the legislation may impact Local 1059 members and signatory employers:

NEW PROTECTED LEAVES

Bill 229 establishes two new unpaid, job-protected leaves:

- Placement of Child Leave, available to eligible workers welcoming a child into their home.
- Long-Term Illness Leave, which allows eligible workers time away from work due to serious medical conditions.

Both leaves protect workers from retaliation or reprisal.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) STANDARDS

Employers must now ensure that all workers have properly fitting PPE suited to their job. This includes specific consideration for women in the trades, supporting efforts to create more inclusive job sites and encourage greater participation in skilled trades careers.

WORKER TRADES COMMITTEES

The Minister of Labour now has the authority to order a constructor to establish a Worker Trades Committee for certain projects. These committees, designed to enhance communication between employers and workers, will focus primarily on health and safety matters. They will not be mandatory on every project but may be ordered based on specific workplace conditions.

STRONGER PENALTIES FOR SAFETY VIOLATIONS

Employers convicted of repeat offenses under the Occupational Health and Safety Act that result in serious injury or death within a two-year period will now face mandatory minimum fines of \$500,000.

SKILLED TRADES WEEK ACT

Ontario has officially designated the first full week of November as Skilled Trades Week, recognizing the contributions of skilled trades workers and promoting careers in the sector.

Local 1059 welcomes these continued efforts to strengthen worker protections and improve job site safety. We remain committed to keeping our members and signatory employers informed as new legislative changes are introduced ■

Local 1059's Annual Christmas Luncheon Brings Industry Together

Local 1059's annual Christmas Luncheon once again brought together employers, industry partners, and special guests for a festive afternoon of connection and celebration.

The event was an opportunity to reflect on the shared successes of 2024 while looking ahead to the opportunities in the year to come. Guests also had the chance to tour our state-of-the-art Training Centre, where our apprentices showcased some of the skills that will help build the communities of tomorrow.

A special thank you to all who attended, and an extra shoutout to those who generously contributed to the Business Cares Food Drive. Your support helped brighten the holidays for those in need, and we appreciate your commitment to giving back.



Spreading Holiday Cheer at Santa's Workshop

Local 1059 families donate over 100 toys to support LifeSpin

The holiday season is about giving, and this past December, Local 1059 members and their families came together to do just that at our first ever Santa's Workshop event.

While enjoying two festive days of holiday fun, participating members helped support LifeSpin, a local organization dedicated to assisting low-income families, by donating more than 100 toys to children in need.

Held at our Training Centre, the event featured a special visit from Santa Claus, with a professional photographer on hand to capture family photos. Families also enjoyed guided tours of our training facility, where kids had the opportunity to climb into real construction machinery (safely, of course!). To add to the festive spirit, we set up arts and crafts stations where children could write letters to Santa and decorate Local 1059 Christmas tree ornaments to take home.

The incredible generosity of our members ensured that more local families could experience the joy of the season. As a union, we're proud to support organizations like LifeSpin and to foster a spirit of community and giving among our membership.

Thank you to everyone who contributed—we look forward to continuing this tradition of giving! ■



The Season for Giving

Here are just a few of the causes Local 1059 supported over the holidays



Local 1059 showed its support for the London Food Bank by participating in the annual Business Cares Food Drive. Pictured is Local 1059 Business Manager Brandon MacKinnon with Business Cares Chair Wayne Dunn (centre left), flanked by Business Cares committee members Dave Strano (left) and Jason Wilcox. Local 1059 Sector Co-ordinator Josh Stewart publicly announced our \$25,000 donation during the Business Cares wrap-up celebration at the Western Fair Agriplex, which complimented the food donations we collected during our Christmas Luncheon.



When our friends at Life*Spin told us their Christmas Sponsorship Program still needed donations for 300 local families, we donated an extra \$5,000 to make sure Life*Spin can support as many families as possible. The donation was in addition to more than 100 toys donated by our members during our first-ever Santa's Workshop event. Pictured is Business Representative Megan Quinney, Legal Counsel Lauren Donohue, LifeSpin Executive Director Jacqueline Thompson, Business Representative Dani Bartlett, and LifeSpin Co-Executive Director Meagen Ciufu. We'd also like to express deep gratitude to the members who signed up to sponsor families through Life*Spin individually — thank you for going above and beyond to support our community!



Vertical Access Solutions Inc. is a signatory employer with LiUNA. Their highly-trained technicians work in a variety of commercial and industrial sectors offering access to hard-to-reach places. For the past several years, VAS Inc. has been helping Santa and his elves rappel past the windows of young patients staying at the Children's Hospital at London Health Sciences Centre, bringing some much-needed holiday cheer their way. Local 1059 donated \$2,000 to the fundraiser in December. Pictured on the roof of London's Children's Hospital just before the rappel is Business Representative Joe Calvo (centre left), Children's Health Foundation Director Jennifer Baxter (centre), VAS Inc.'s John Adams, Jim Kelly as Santa Claus, and his elves, Stefan Zochodne, Shawne Adams, and Connor Maloney.

Local 1059 Launches New Recruitment Ad

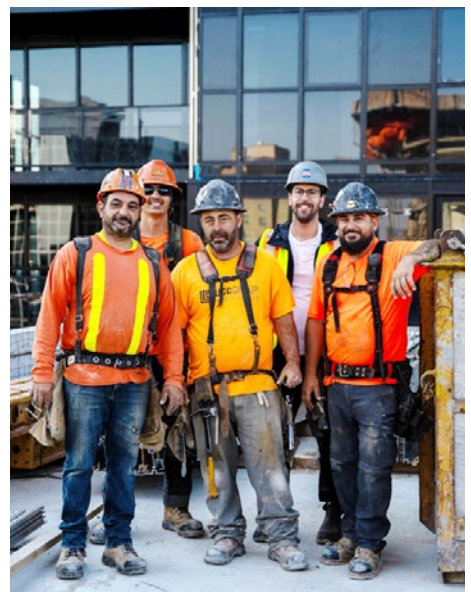
Local 1059 is one of LiUNA Canada's fastest-growing Locals and our brand-new recruitment ad highlights exactly why.

Officially released earlier this year, the ad—produced by PM Creative Studios—features real members and apprentices in action and shines a spotlight on the strong wages, safe working conditions, and top-tier training that make a career with us so rewarding.

A huge thank you to those who took part, as well as the employers who opened up job sites to us: Old Oak Properties, J-AAR, and KWS Electric. We also want to recognize the dedicated staff at our Training Centre and the apprentices who were featured. PM Creative Studios spent a full day on-site, capturing the hands-on training, cutting-edge equipment, and top-tier instruction that sets Local 1059 apart.

The ad is now playing at London Lightning Basketball games and is available to watch on our social media channels or by [CLICKING HERE](#). Be sure to check it out and share it with anyone looking to start or grow their career in construction.

We're excited to share our story with the community, encourage more people to explore careers in construction, and continue growing a skilled workforce that will build the future of southwestern Ontario. Stay tuned for more opportunities to see the ad as we expand its reach ■



Local 1059 Welcomes Federal Labour Minister to Discuss Skilled Trades, Industry Challenges

Federal Labour Minister Steven MacKinnon stopped by Local 1059 in February for an in-depth discussion about workforce development, challenges in the construction industry, and the importance of investing in skilled trades training.

This was MacKinnon's first visit to Local 1059. He was joined by local MPs Peter Fragiskatos and Arielle Kayabaga. During a tour guided by Local 1059 Training Director Mike Ropp, all three representatives spoke with apprentices about their experiences in the skilled trades. Those conversations reinforced how crucial it is to expand access to high-quality training programs to meet growing labour demands, particularly as large-scale infrastructure projects continue across Ontario.

Afterwards, a key topic of discussion was the potential impact of tariffs on materials like steel, aluminum, and lumber—cost increases that could threaten jobs, project viability, and industry stability. We emphasized the need for strategies that protect jobs while ensuring major projects remain affordable and on schedule.

We appreciate the minister taking the time to engage directly with our members and instructors. Visits like these help strengthen the dialogue between government and the skilled trades, ensuring that workers' voices are heard when shaping policies that affect our industry ■





What a Day at The Factory!

With zip lines whizzing, arcade games flashing, and trampolines springing, The Factory was alive with energy as Local 1059 members and their families gathered for our biggest member appreciation event of the year.

Seeing so many of us under one roof highlighted the strength of our union and the importance of celebrating our shared commitment to building stronger communities—both on and off the job site. A special thank you to The Factory for hosting us and to everyone who joined in.

The Local is proud to organize events like these—they're a show of appreciation for the dedication and hard work our members demonstrate every day. We look forward to bringing everyone together again for more great experiences in the future! In the meantime, we hope you enjoy some of our favourite photos from this year's event ■



Family skates at Canada Life Place, Storybook Gardens Bring Members Together

We had an amazing time catching up with everyone who was able to take a few laps around the rink with us this winter.

Our family skates at Canada Life Place and Storybook Gardens are often the Local's first members' events of the new year. At Canada Life Place, we were joined by a few special guests from the London Knights, players Brendan Gerber and Cohen Bidgood, and everyone's favourite mascot, Scorzy!

A couple weeks later we hosted another fantastic group of skaters at Storybook Gardens. The historic skating trail made for a picture-perfect evening with families embracing the winter weather and enjoying hot chocolate and roasted marshmallows.

Thank you to everyone who joined us at these events! We love seeing our members come together outside of work to share in fun experiences, and we look forward to hosting more family-friendly activities in the future. Stay tuned for what's next! ■



Celebrating Our Stewards

Local 1059 was proud to host many of our dedicated construction and industrial sector stewards at a recent London Knights game.

Stewards play a crucial role in helping the Local advocate for all members, ensuring their rights and interests are protected on the job. The Local's annual Stewards Appreciation Night is one way of saying thank you to those who go the extra mile every day. We appreciate your commitment, hard work, and leadership in the field! ■



Joan's Place Grand Opening Marks a Milestone for Youth Opportunities Unlimited



Local 1059 Business Representative Nathan Moniz (centre left) and Youth Opportunities Unlimited's Director of Community Engagement, Heather Hoare, are flanked by Local 1059 members Matthew Carvalho, Rick Fargnoli, and Damien Kuhn from Norlon Builders.

New affordable housing project is one of three Local 1059 has recently played a role in building

After years of planning, fundraising, and construction, Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU) has officially opened Joan's Place—a transformative new housing and support hub for young mothers and youth at risk of homelessness in London.

Local 1059 is a long-time supporter of YOU and Joan's Place, in particular. After making a \$25,000 donation to the project when it was first announced, we were proud to celebrate its grand opening in February alongside the many other community partners who helped bring this project to life. Our members with Norlon Builders, the project's general contractor, also played a hands-on role in its construction, helping to build a space that will provide safety, stability, and resources for those in need.

Joan's Place isn't the only landmark community-building project to open this year with Local 1059's support. The London Children's Museum has officially completed its move to 100 Kellogg Lane and now features an expanded, state-of-the-art space for hands-on learning and play inside one of London's premier destinations for local

families. Not only did Local 1059 members play a role in building this space, our \$25,000 donation has also helped fuel educational opportunities for families across the region.

Local 1059 members can also take advantage of an exclusive discount on one-year memberships to the London Children's Museum. If you missed the details, check your email for more information.

We're also thrilled to see that animals have moved into the new London & Middlesex Humane Society building, a modern facility designed to enhance care and adoption services. Once again, Local 1059 members helped construct this much-needed space, ensuring the humane society can continue its mission of providing shelter and medical care to animals in need. The Local's \$25,000 donation further underscores our commitment to supporting organizations that make a difference.

To our members—thank you for your hard work and for making these types of community contributions possible. We are incredibly proud to see these three vital projects come to life, knowing that they will serve members of our community for generations to come ■



Sector Co-ordinator Philip Da Silva and Business Representative Brian Carlos at the grand opening of Joan's Place.

Strengthening Our Community

Local 1059 is committed to giving back to the communities where our members live and work. Sponsoring events that support vital local organizations allows us to strengthen these connections while helping to create meaningful change. Here are a few recent events we were honoured to be part of:



HONOURING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Local 1059 sponsored and attended the inaugural London Police Service Chief's Gala Appreciation Dinner & Awards Night, a new event dedicated to celebrating the contributions of law enforcement in our community.

The evening not only recognized the bravery and dedication of officers who go above and beyond in their service, but also raised funds for two incredible organizations with strong ties to Local 1059—Youth Opportunities Unlimited and CMHA Thames Valley Addiction and Mental Health Services.

Congratulations to the officers who were honoured for their outstanding service, and to Chief Thai Truong on a successful first gala. Local 1059 is proud to stand behind those who protect and serve our community.



A RECORD-BREAKING MORNING FOR LAWC

It was inspiring to stand alongside the London Abused Women's Centre (LAWC) and its supporters at the 25th Annual International Women's Day Breakfast, which raised a record-breaking \$106,000 in support of the organization's life-saving services for women and girls.

As long-time supporters, we know how hard LAWC's staff and volunteers work to provide safety, advocacy, and hope to women and families facing violence. This year's breakfast highlighted the innovative programs and initiatives LAWC is leading to protect vulnerable people in our community.

We extend our deepest thanks and congratulations to the LAWC team. Their efforts make a real difference in the lives of countless women and girls, and Local 1059 is committed to supporting this important mission.



EMPOWERING YOUTH THROUGH OPPORTUNITY

There's nothing better than starting the day with an event that brings people together for a great cause, and the 19th Annual Breakfast for Youth Opportunities Unlimited (YOU) did just that.

Local 1059 has also supported YOU for many years. Thanks in part to our contributions and the expertise of our members, YOU has recently opened Joan's Place, a new housing initiative for young mothers experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

A big thank you to the YOU team for another inspiring event and for their continued dedication to making a difference in the lives of vulnerable youth.

Local 1059 Celebrates Apprentice Graduates at Milestone Dinner

The most recent group of Construction Craft Worker apprentices to graduate from the Local 1059 Training Centre recently enjoyed the spotlight at our 20th annual Apprentice Recognition Dinner.

The milestone event at the DoubleTree by Hilton in downtown London brought together the Local's staff, its signatory employers, industry partners, and several London-area dignitaries to celebrate over 90 graduates now taking the next step in their skilled trades careers.

In an address, Local 1059 Business Manager Brandon MacKinnon underscored the significance of this achievement and recognized the thousands of hours of in-class and on-the-job training graduates have accomplished over the past two years.

"Throughout your apprenticeship journey, you have shown an immense commitment to mastering your skills, and you are now stepping into one of the most in-demand and rewarding careers available," MacKinnon said. "Ontario will need over 100,000 new skilled trades workers this decade to build and maintain our critical infrastructure. You are now part of this vital effort to build our province and our communities, and I want you to know that Local 1059 will be here to support you every step of the way."

Shawn Lewis, London's Deputy Mayor, and Peter Fragiskatos, the Member of Parliament for London North Centre, also addressed graduates. Other special guests at the event included MP Lindsay Mathyssen, MPP Teresa Armstrong, London city councillors Steven Hillier, Elizabeth Peloza, Susan Stevenson, and Paul Van Meerbergen, and Brockton Mayor Chris Peabody.

Training Centre Director Mike Ropp wrapped up the evening's formal remarks by recognizing graduates and the staff that work behind the scenes to make Local 1059 a premier destination for skilled trades training in southwestern Ontario.

Local 1059 Legal Counsel, Lauren Donohue, emceed the event. She gave kudos to Local 1059's signatory employers for their ongoing support of hands-on apprentice training and the vital role they play in helping the Local prepare the next generation of skilled tradespeople.

Local 1059 member and former apprentice Yash Kaba (@timeless.optics) captured the evening's most memorable moments. More of his photos can be found on the Local's social media pages ■



Multi-Sector



Local 1059 Business Manager Brandon MacKinnon (centre-right) with London city councillors Randy Hillier (left), Elizabeth Peloza, Shawn Lewis, Corrine Rahman, and Susan Stevenson.



Formsetting



Cement Finishing



Sewer & Watermain



Utilities

Introducing BUILD IT! Youth Construction Camp

We're thrilled to announce our first-ever BUILD IT! Youth Construction Camp, a partnership between LiUNA Local 1059 and Skills Ontario. Taking place this August, this exciting new initiative will introduce youth entering Grades 7-9 to the world of skilled trades through a hands-on experience based on our Red Seal-certified Construction Craft Worker program. Campers will get a one-of-a-kind opportunity to explore different aspects of the industry, gain practical skills, and discover the rewarding careers available in construction. **If you know a young person who would love to participate, visit skillsontario.com/camp for details and registration.**

DON'T WAIT—Obtain Your Safety Certifications Now

The Local 1059 Training Centre is as busy as ever, and now is the perfect time for members to take advantage of our many safety certificate courses. Whether you need to refresh an existing certification or add a new one to your skillset, we offer a range of training options designed to keep you safe on the job. Courses fill up fast, so don't wait—book your spot today and stay ahead with the latest in workplace safety. **To see the upcoming training course calendar, visit liunalocal1059.com/current-members-apprentices.**

Pre-Apprenticeship Program Interviews Underway

We're currently conducting interviews for our pre-apprenticeship program, an excellent opportunity for those looking to start a career in the skilled trades. If you know someone who is hardworking, eager to learn, and ready to build their future with LiUNA, now is the time to connect them with us. These programs provide hands-on experience and valuable training to help launch a rewarding career in construction. Encourage any promising candidates to reach out today! **You can find our apprenticeship application online—liunalocal1059.com/apprenticeship-application.**



Apprentices of the Month



NOVEMBER

- **Yash Kaba**
(Royal Fence)
Multi-sector
- **Brooke Owen**
(J-AAR)
Sewer & Watermain
- **Brock Courtney**
(Weber)
Utilities
- **David Copp**
(J-AAR)
Formsetting



DECEMBER

- **Carter Jackson**
(Cascon)
Sewer & Watermain
- **Bryson Wright**
(SEM)
Formsetting
- **Eric Boyes**
(Middlesex Paving and Maintenance)
Multi-sector
- **Erik Nizielski**
(Weber Contracting)
Utilities



JANUARY

- **Aidan Frew**
(Bluewater Concrete Forming)
Formsetting
- **Wilson Cho Shen**
(J-AAR)
Sewer & Watermain
- **Brandon Morphy**
(Weathertech Restoration)
Multi-sector
- **Matt Osegueda**
(Pacheco's)
Utilities
- **Alex Cortez**
(Brosco Concrete)
Cement Finishing



FEBRUARY

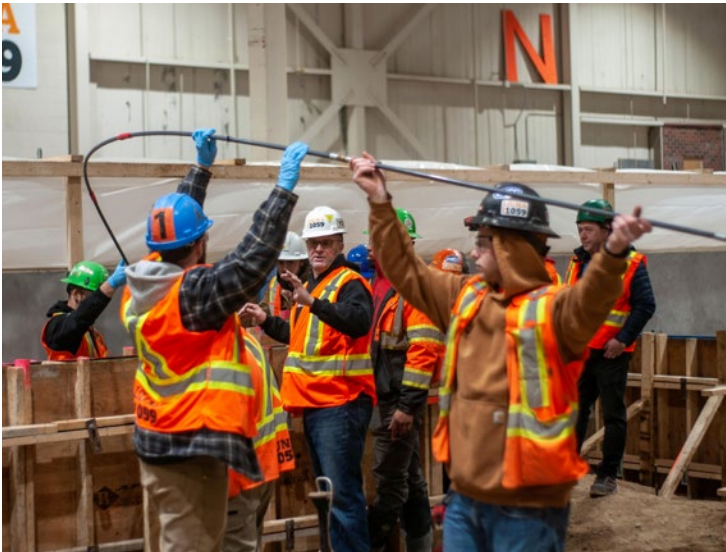
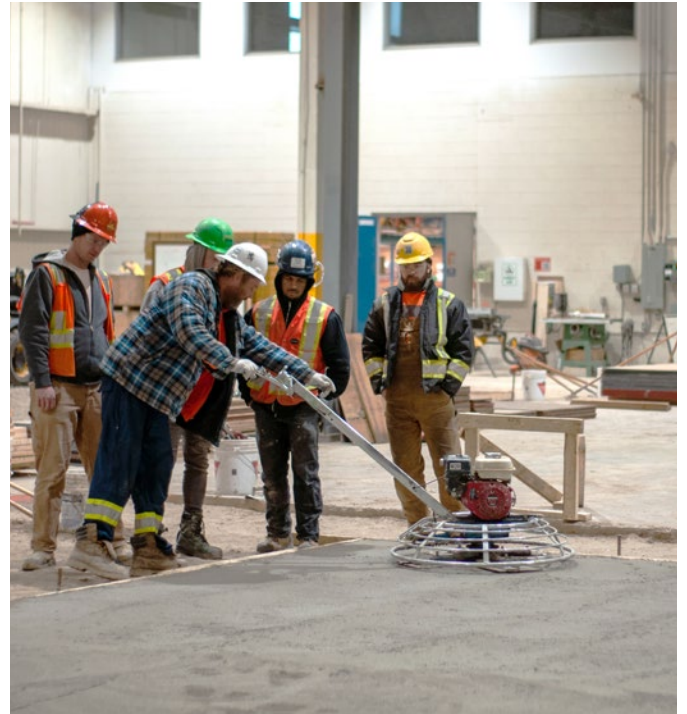
- **Andrew Lama**
(Riverside Concrete Forming)
Formsetting
- **Austin Lancaster**
(Weber)
Utilities
- **Zack Da Silva**
(Marcon)
Multi-Sector
- **Braeden Ming**
(Fiorino Concrete)
Concrete Finishing,
absent from this photo
- **Geo Rolle**
(PV-EX)
Sewer & Watermain



Local 1059 Members Help Train the Next Generation of Skilled Workers

POWER TROWEL

Local 1059 members Jason Vandervecht and Alex Jones returned to the Training Centre for a December power trowel demonstration with a class of level 2 apprentices. We're always thrilled to see members sharing their time and expertise to support the next generation of skilled workers. Special thanks as well to their employer, East Elgin Concrete Forming, and our friends at Milwaukee Tool for helping us offer this awesome hands-on experience to our formsetting class.



CCTV INSPECTIONS

Local 1059 members Ray Bowman and Brooklyn Cowan were in the Training Centre in February to demonstrate the robotic CCTV camera they use to inspect drains, waterlines, pipes, and more. Sewer and watermain apprentices in the Training Centre that day were also part of a cured-in-place point repair demonstration from HammerHead Trenchless. This was a unique opportunity to learn how to fix sewer and watermain infrastructure without excavating. Thank you to everyone involved in executing this one-of-a-kind, hands-on experience.



HANDS-ON LEARNING: IPEX by Aliaxis Partners with Local 1059 to Support Sewer & Watermain Apprentices

Our partners from IPEX by Aliaxis made a special visit to the Training Centre in January to capture video of our advanced-level sewer and watermain apprentices in action.

IPEX generously donates modern PVC pipes and fittings that our sewer and watermain apprentices use to hone their skills. Making sure our instructors have access to the right building materials is important and ensures Local 1059 apprentices gain hands-on experience with proper installation techniques for modern municipal water systems.

The visit offered a crew from IPEX the opportunity to see the impact of this donation first-hand, and create some content for social media.

To see the final product, checkout [ipexbyaliaxis](#) on Instagram



Inspiring the Next Generation of Workers at the Level Up! Career Fair

Local 1059 was proud to take part in the Level Up! Skilled Trades Career Fair in London this past November, introducing thousands of students and job seekers to the exciting opportunities available in the skilled trades.

Considered by many to be the Super Bowl of local job fairs, this annual event is one of the largest of its kind, bringing together industry leaders, training providers, and future tradespeople under one roof. Our booth was a popular stop, offering hands-on activities and expert guidance to attendees eager to learn more about careers in construction.

A huge thank you to the outstanding crew from the Local 1059 Training Centre who represented us at the two-day event. Recently graduated apprentices David Copp, Yash Kaba, and Chelsea Phelps, along with instructors Kyle Hodgins and Mike Rock, engaged with attendees, shared their experiences, and provided valuable insight into what it means to build a career in the trades.

Local 1059 remains committed to promoting the skilled trades as a first-choice career path and looks forward to inspiring even more future tradespeople at the 2025 event later this year ■



Members in the Field



Jaffar Toto and Jack Shelley doing swing stage work in London for EllisDon.



We recently caught up with Stephen Sloetjes, Eris Mazreku, Xander Morning, and Tanner Strain of KWS Electric Services as they were installing a temporary intersection in east London, preparing for the next phase of road work related to the city's new Bus Rapid Transit system. Also on site that day was Josh Moore.



Local 1059 members providing skilled labour at Federal White Cement in Embro — one of the most modern white cement manufacturing plants in North America. Derek Trainor, Case Joris, Ryan Campbell, Trenton Coddington, and Mike Squires, all with Hayman Construction, are contributing concrete formwork to an addition that will expand the plant's capacity.



Jose Carreiro, Pietrantonio Zarola, Manuel Alvarez, Mike Patriquin, Taylor Romphf, and Danny Cordeiro, an LDA Construction crew working on a telecom road crossing in northeast London.



Local 1059 members Travis Pozar, Tanner Coderre, Manny Barbosa, Collin Mansell, and Abilio DeSousa from Riverside Concrete Forming pouring foundations for new homes.



Local 1059 member Charlie Curvelo, a seasoned masonry expert with over two decades of experience is currently working with Con-Tact Masonry on projects shaping the much-anticipated SOHO redevelopment in London.



Mike Da Silva and Norman Pacheco, skilled demolition experts with Marcon Demolition & Environmental Services Inc. Mike and Norman have been working hard on a project to update the infrastructure at a local elementary school to create a safer, more modern learning environment for future generations.

Durham Street Bridge Project: LiUNA Members Keep Walkerton's Infrastructure Strong

LiUNA Local 1059 members are playing a key role in the refurbishment of the historic Durham Street Bridge in Walkerton, ensuring the 86-year-old structure continues to serve the community safely.

Constructed in 1937, the Durham Street Bridge spans the Saugeen River along Bruce Road 4, a critical route with high traffic between Walkerton and Hanover. Recognizing the bridge's importance, Bruce County launched a comprehensive rehabilitation project in May 2024 to address structural deterioration and extend its lifespan.

The first phase of the project has been carried out by signatory employer Pullman (Structural Technologies). As this phase neared completion in February, Local 1059 Business Representative Adam Millman visited members from both Local 1059 and Local 183 on-site. The crew was working in a heated tent to mix grout, which was then pumped to colleagues reinforcing the bridge's exterior from below.

LiUNA members contributing their expertise that day included:

- Tyler Riley
- Scott Brown
- Jay Souch
- Johnny Holcak
- Branson Andrew
- Lorne Smith
- David Florez
- Mario Rivera

This rehabilitation project not only preserves a crucial transportation link but also highlights the dedication and skill of LiUNA members in maintaining and improving community infrastructure. Their commitment ensures the Durham Street Bridge will continue to serve Walkerton residents and businesses for years to come.

If you're working on a project you'd like to see featured on Local 1059's social media channels or a future newsletter, **contact Chris Montanini, the Local's director of communications. He can be reached at: cmontanini@liuna1059.ca or 519-280-7104** ■



Ontario Kicks Off Pre-Development for Major Pumped Storage Project in Meaford

The Ontario government says it's making progress on the proposed Ontario Pumped Storage Project in Meaford, a collaboration with TC Energy and the Saugeen Ojibway Nation expected to create a significant number of construction jobs for the region.

In January, officials announced that the province will spend up to \$285 million on detailed cost assessments and environmental studies that will help determine its feasibility.

If approved, the Ontario Pumped Storage Project will be the largest clean energy project of its kind in Canada. The proposed facility's design aims to harness the natural power of water and gravity to store electricity. During low-demand periods, water will be pumped from Georgian Bay to a reservoir. During high-demand periods, it will be released to generate power.

Officials estimate that the facility could provide up to 1,000 megawatts of electricity storage — enough to power one million homes for up to 11 hours. According to the Canadian Centre for Economic Analysis, the project would also contribute \$6.2 billion to Ontario's GDP over an estimated 50-year lifespan. The project's economic impact is expected to primarily benefit rural communities in Ontario, which would see about 60 per cent of the supported economic activity. Officials believe it would also support more than 1,700 construction jobs during a four-year construction period.

The Ontario Pumped Storage Project would complement other new energy-related projects in Ontario, including a potential large-scale nuclear station at Bruce Power. Building "Bruce C" would help provide the large amounts of clean, zero-emissions

power necessary to fill the storage facility and create even more economic spinoffs for the surrounding region, officials have said.

Additionally, the proposed project would complement the government's recent competitive procurement of battery storage. While batteries excel in providing quick-response solutions to manage short-term increases in electricity demand, pumped storage offers made-in-Ontario, large-scale, long-duration storage capacity to balance the grid during extended periods of increased use.

Local 1059 is closely monitoring the progress of this exciting new project, ensuring that our members stay informed and ready to seize any opportunities that arrive in the region ■

Members in the Field



Local 1059 members Jon Miller and Joel Nawrot with Bird Construction work on a concrete pour inside Bruce Power. We visited this crew with Business Representative Adam Millman in February. Also on the job that day was Shane Countryman and Rick Schiestel.



Local 1059 members Brandon Galloway and Braden Lundy, skilled workers with Net Drill, installing fibre optic ground-level boxes for EH!tel Networks near Owen Sound.

Building a New Life, Strengthening a Union

Starting over isn't easy, but Paula Andrea Castano and Edison Ospina have done it twice.

Originally from Colombia, the couple left in search of safety and opportunity, first settling in the United States. Over a decade later, they had established themselves in Florida and were raising two young children when immigration complications forced them to uproot their lives for a second time.

"At that time we didn't have anybody here [in Canada]," Paula remembers. "It was very hard, very hard. But to see how [our children] grow up with a good education here—they speak fluent English, French, and Spanish—I feel very proud."

Paula and Edison arrived in London nearly 15 years ago. Their top priority was finding stable work. But starting over in a new country came with challenges. Back in Florida, Edison had owned a business selling and repairing dental supplies. Without connections in Canada, he had to rebuild from the ground up.

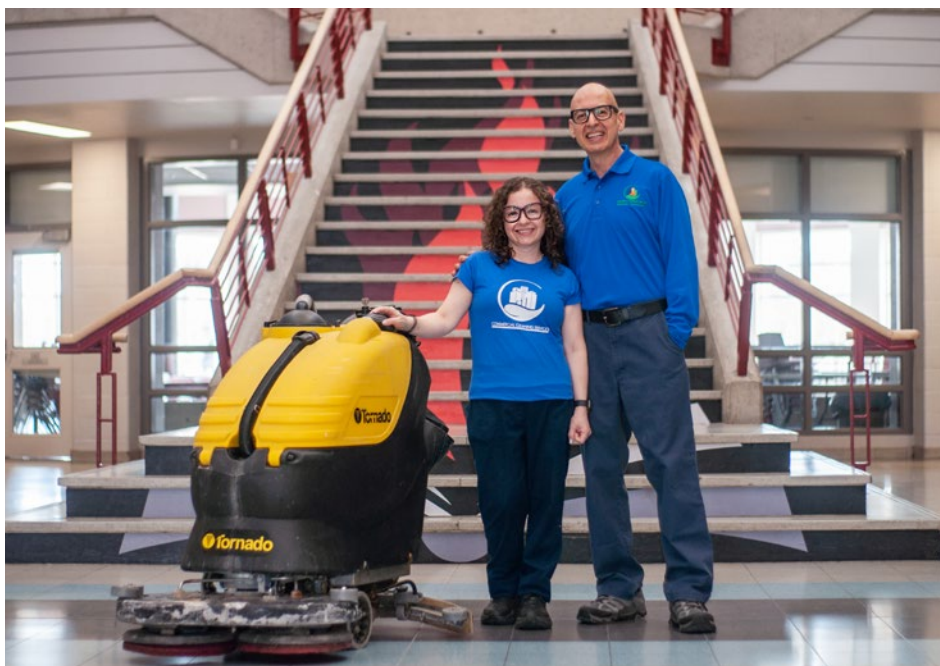
They worked tirelessly, taking on multiple jobs to make ends meet. Edison remembers long hours washing dishes and delivering pizzas, doing whatever it took to support his daughters, who were just five and two at the time.

"My first winter here I didn't know how to drive my car," he said with a smile. "I never crashed but everyday was hard work. I had to do something because I needed to provide food for my family."

"We were prepared to move here," Paula added. "But [Edison] was very afraid because of the language barrier. At that time I told him, 'Don't worry, we will survive.'"

Through hard work and the right opportunities, both Paula and Edison eventually found their way to Local 1059. Edison, a cleaner at a local elementary school, became a member when he and his coworkers unionized in 2013. Three years later, Paula joined when she was hired by Sodexo as a housekeeper at Victoria Hospital.

Since then, the couple has found security and support through LiUNA, with strong benefits and representation that have made a real difference in their lives.



Paula Andrea Castano and Edison Ospina found stability, opportunity, and a way to give back through Local 1059

"You don't have rights in big companies," Edison said. "I think it's fair to work with benefits and job protection. For me, it's very important. If you have any problems, LiUNA can help. Another thing—the great benefits Local 1059 has in the Wellness Centre are amazing."

Today, both Paula and Edison work for Commercial Cleaning Services while their daughters study abroad. Paula works as a cleaner at a local school while Edison juggles shifts at two others, often working back-to-back as he prepares for retirement.

Their work ethic and positive outlook has been inspirational in their workplaces.

"It doesn't matter what kind of job you do. Always, no matter what, do it the best you can. Because that job, or whatever you're doing for the company, will speak for you," Paula said. "Every day we're doing a job we love. When you do a job you love, everything is going perfect. You don't need to speak very good English."

Beyond their day-to-day responsibilities, Paula and Edison have also become known for helping fellow members—many of them newcomers to Canada—navigate their workplaces, communities, and union benefits.

"Paula can never say no," Edison said, adding that using their experience to help others makes them both feel "great."

It's also a way for the couple to give back, Paula said.

"The motivation for us was when Canada opened the door and gave us opportunities. I remember how I felt and I feel bad when people don't have any help from others. So, I try to help all the time."

Paula and Edison's plans include rejoining their daughters in the US. When that time comes, Local 1059 will miss their passion and enthusiasm, but wishes nothing but the best for the couple and their family.

For now, they both remain dedicated to their work and to helping others find the same security and opportunities they have through LiUNA.

"Canada is in our hearts," Paula said. "I know many people complain because it's difficult to have everybody happy, but when you are in a hard situation and one country opens its arms to you, you appreciate it very much. In our case, we learned one language that we never thought we could. We saw our daughters grow up in a new culture. Their success is amazing and they can see us succeed the same. The most important thing is having a good attitude and try all the time to do your best." ■



H E A L T H
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W.A. Health, ClaimSecure now administering Local 1059 benefits

Local 1059 is excited to welcome a new benefits administrator committed to supporting the health and well-being of members and their dependants.

W.A. Health officially took over administration of the LiUNA Local 1059 Benefit Trust on November 1. It's important to note that there have been no changes to the benefits members and dependants are eligible to receive. New benefit cards were mailed out in October along with more information about the transition.

Members, please see below a summary that will help you get the most out of your benefits and take full advantage of what W.A. Health and their partners, ClaimSecure, have to offer.

HOW TO FILE CLAIMS FOR MEDICAL, EXTENDED HEALTH CARE, AND DENTAL EXPENSES

Your ClaimSecure benefit card allows most healthcare providers to submit claims electronically on your behalf.

In cases where a healthcare provider is not able to file a claim, members can file **medical, dental, and extended health care** claims online at www.claimsecure.com or through the ClaimSecure app. If you're submitting a claim online for the first time, you'll have to set up an eProfile account. To get started, click on the eProfile Services tab on the top menu bar, select Login, and then click Register Now.

IMPORTANT: Please retain all original receipts for 12 months after your submission. If you have questions about ClaimSecure, call 1-888-513-4464.



MANUAL REIMBURSEMENT CLAIMS

All manual reimbursement claims for **prescription drugs, extended health care, vision care, and dental procedures** must be submitted to ClaimSecure with original receipts and a properly completed claim form dated and signed by the claimant.

Claim forms are available at claimsecure.com, liunalocal1059.com, on the Local 1059 app, and at Local 1059's head office in London. All manual reimbursement claims for prescription drugs, extended healthcare, vision, and dental need to be mailed to ClaimSecure at the following address:

ClaimSecure
PO Box 6500 Station A
Sudbury ON
P3A 5N5

THE W.A. HEALTH ONLINE PORTAL

Local 1059 members also have exclusive access to an online portal that can provide quick and easy access to important information and resources such as member benefits, account information, employment contributions, dependants, and more.

To access the portal, visit L1059.tha360.com. If you're visiting for the first time, you need to register for the service before logging in. Click the Register button on the login page to get started. You will need to provide your SIN, date of birth, and postal code to complete the registration.

QUESTIONS?

If you have general inquiries about your benefits, please contact W.A. Health directly.

W.A. HEALTH
149 Main St. E.
Hamilton, ON
L8N 1G4

Phone: 1-877-671-0459
Email: admin@wahealth.ca

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Discovery⁺ by MembersHealth:

A New Approach to Preventative Health Care for Local 1059 Members

LIUNA Local 1059 members and their families now have access to a new preventative health care program designed to promote long-term wellness. Discovery+, developed by the experienced doctors at MembersHealth, offers personalized tools and real-time monitoring to help members take proactive steps in managing their health.

Since 2020, Local 1059 members and their dependents have had access to MembersHealth's 24/7 online healthcare services. Now, with the introduction of Discovery+, members can benefit from advanced health planning and early detection strategies, ensuring they receive the care they need before health concerns arise.

WHAT DISCOVERY+ OFFERS:



Personalized Health Plans:

Utilizing advanced data analytics and genetic testing to tailor health strategies to individual needs.



Real-Time Monitoring:

Cutting-edge wearables and diagnostics provide continuous health insights.



Early Detection:

A proactive approach to identifying potential health risks before they develop into serious conditions.



Ongoing Support:

Access to a team of medical professionals, including doctors, nutritionists, and fitness coaches.



Getting started is simple. Members can scan the QR code and complete a short intake form online. Once registered, MembersHealth will arrange an initial consultation to guide participants through the program and its benefits.


Beyond Discovery+, MembersHealth continues to offer 24/7 virtual healthcare services, providing members with access to doctors via phone, tablet, or PC. Whether it's diagnosing illnesses, writing and renewing prescriptions, referring to specialists, or ordering lab tests, MembersHealth ensures that members receive timely and comprehensive care.

For more information about Discovery+ or other MembersHealth services, call 1-800-484-0152 or visit their website to connect with the MembersHealth Care Team.

MEMBER PERKS & DEALS

We're always looking for ways to improve the lives of our members and your families by offering added perks for being a member of Local 1059. Recently, we've partnered with a number of local businesses to secure various discounts for you. Check out the deals below, and be sure to keep an eye on our social media channels and future newsletters – we'll continue to update you as we add more perks to the list! ■

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|  | GoodLife Fitness Corporate membership rate for you and up to 4 family members. corporate.goodlifefitness.com . |  | Rocky's Harley-Davidson \$500 off any new untitled motorcycle with your union card. rockys-harley.com | | |
|  | Adrenaline MMA 20% discounts on monthly memberships with your union card. adrenalinemma.ca |  | Bell Mobility 30% off phone plans, plus discounts on select mobile phones for you and up to five family members! To enrol, please call 1-866-244-9108. | | |
|  | The London Lightning \$14 tickets available to all LiUNA Local 1059 members using the promo code LIGHTNINGLOCAL. This price is valid for any regular season game. Visit lightningbasketball.ca |  | Great Wolf Lodge Up to 25% off a booking using the promo code posted on the Local 1059 app and sent via email. Book online or by calling 1-800-905-9653. greatwolf.com | | |
|  | Collins Formal Wear Local 1059 members get 15% off menswear purchases . Just show your union card! |  | Belmont Heating & Cooling Local 1059 members save 15% across the board on all their residential heating and cooling services when they present their union card. For more information, contact Bill Bartlett at belmont. heating1@gmail.com or 226-268-5005. | | |
|  | Mark's Local 1059 members get a 15% discount at any Mark's location. Just show your union card! |  | Red Wing Local 1059 members receive 10% off at Red Wing Shoes when they show their union card. stores.redwingshoes.com/london-on |  | Budweiser Gardens Discounts on select shows throughout the year. Keep an eye on your email or check out the Members Discount tab on the Local 1059 app to view the promo code and upcoming events. |
|  | Columbia Sportswear Specific discount periods throughout the year. Keep an eye on your email for invitations from us. | | | | |




NEW DISCOUNT!

PARK'N FLY





We're excited to announce another great perk for LiUNA Local 1059 members — discounted parking at Toronto Pearson International Airport with Park'N Fly!

With this group discount, you can enjoy convenient, secure, and affordable parking for your next trip. Local 1059's exclusive Park'N Fly discount code is 1152739. This discount will vary depending on the time of year you're travelling, but taking advantage of the savings is easy. Whether you're reserving online or via the Park'N Fly app, simply enter the Local's discount code in the optional discount field during the reservation process.



NEW DISCOUNT!

We're excited to announce a new partnership with Utility Safety Clothing, bringing exclusive savings to Local 1059 members on premium fire- and arc-rated (FR/AR) safety gear. A subsidiary of Keyline Safety, Utility Safety Clothing was founded to provide high-quality, compliant protective gear at an affordable price. Now, in collaboration with Local 1059, they are offering members an exclusive 20%+ discount across their entire product range. Find Utility Safety Clothing's dedicated LiUNA members' store at www.utilitysafetyclothing.ca.

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|  | <p>Flying Squirrel London</p> <p>20% off walk-in admissions. Show your union card and provide the code L1059.</p> |  | <p>Wet 'N' Wild</p> <p>Discounted rates on all tickets using code TENFIFTYNINE. wetnwildtoronto.com/AffiliateStore</p> |
|  | <p>Hanford's Tire and Service</p> <p>Discounts on tires and services with your union card. hanfordtires.com</p> |  | <p>DoubleTree by Hilton</p> <p>Local 1059 members receive an automatic discount on rooms when booking via the provided link. https://tinyurl.com/4r4xv6mm (London location only)</p> |
|  | <p>Unity Uniform and Safety</p> <p>Significantly discounted rates on high-vis, plus discounts on almost all other products. unityuniformandsafety.com</p> |  | <p>Work Authority</p> <p>15% off regularly priced merchandise. Just show your union card to receive the discount. Available at all locations.</p> |
|  | <p>Dale Wurfel Chrysler Dodge Jeep</p> <p>Affiliate Pricing for members. dalewurfelchryslerdodgejeep.com</p> |  | <p>FitWell Clothing</p> <p>10% off dry cleaning and alterations when members show their union card. 1295 Highbury Ave. N. facebook.com/fitwellclothing</p> |
|  | <p>Mister Safety Shoes</p> <p>Local 1059 members are now eligible for 15% off footwear and 10% off attire and accessories at any location, including their Shoe Mobiles. To unlock your discount, show your union card at the point of purchase.</p> |  | <p>Carey's Bar & Grill</p> <p>Members receive 10% off regularly-priced food. Show your union card to your server.</p> |
|  | <p>The Factory</p> <p>15% off attractions for you and 4 guests. Just show your union card! thefactorylondon.ca</p> |  | <p>NEW MEMBER DISCOUNT Damian Warner Fitness</p> <p>To learn more, visit www.damianwarnerfitnesscentre.ca</p> |
|  | <p>Southwest Marine</p> <p>Text #LIUNA to (519) 238-2887 to activate your member-exclusive discount. southwestmap.com</p> | <div>  <p>NEW DISCOUNT!</p> <p>Local 1059 is excited to announce a new partnership with Watford Ford Lincoln, giving you exclusive savings on your next vehicle and every service visit you book with the dealership for as long as you own it. To find out more about what Watford Ford Lincoln has to offer, contact Dave Howes — liuna1059@watfordford.com — or call 519-635-1612. Make sure to mention you're a Local 1059 member and have your membership card ready at the point of purchase.</p> </div> | |
|  | <p>First Class Mobile Kutz</p> <p>Local 1059 members receive a 20% discount (30% if it's your birthday) at this one-of-a-kind mobile barbershop. To book an appointment, call or text 226-236-9541 and remember to show your union card to unlock the discount.</p> | | |
|  | <p>Dos Tacos</p> <p>Local 1059 members now receive 10% off at Dos Tacos when you show your union card. dostacos.ca</p> | | |

In Memoriam

In memory of our Local 1059 brothers and sisters.

Michael Case-McIntosh, Nov. 28, 2024
Member from 2018-2024

Richard Carron, Dec. 27, 2024
Member since 2024

R. Dalton Oliver, Dec. 10, 2024
Member from 2018-2024

Peter Tomlinson, Jan. 1, 2025
Member from 1971-2011

Ben Stickney, Jan. 16, 2025
Member from 2020-2024

Mike Travassos, Jan. 30, 2025
Member from 1999-2025

Christopher Lenehan, Feb. 9, 2025
Member from 2016-2025

Trent Heuvel, Mar. 10, 2025
Member from 2002-2025

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