



# General Membership Meeting Notes

Tuesday, Mar 10, 2026

Mississauga, ON

## **Communications:**

- District 6 will be running a "Spring School" with advanced Union Courses in May 31- June 5, 2026 in Severn Bridge, ON
- Canadian Labour Congress Conference to be held in Winnipeg, MB May 11-15, 2026
- A celebration of Life in memory of Leo W. Gerard Late-USW International President emeritus 1947-2025 will be held on March 12, 2026 Westin Toronto Airport Hotel.
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## **Women of Steel Committee**

- Introduced their "Take your Breaks" campaign encouraging members to take their contractual breaks & lunch periods during the work day.
- USW International Women of Steel Conference is upcoming this March 29 - April 2, 2026 Toronto, ON.
- WOS Committee Zoom meetings to continue and are building in membership, Notifications of the meetings to be sent by the mass text system. (approx 1 week prior to the General Membership Meetings)

### **USW 9511 Health & Safety Summit:**

- The Local is holding a Summit educational for approximately 35 members March 11-12, 2026 in Mississauga, ON for our H&S Reps. from throughout the province. Majority funding for the event has been arranged through the USW Family and Community Education Fund with partial funding to be provided by the Local.

### **USW 9511 Communication Committee:**

- The committee consists of 3 USW9511 members Janis Apilan, Silvana Matias, & Ralph Benson
- The committee's purpose is to promote better communication between the Union and the general members. Examples include the newly designed USW9511 website & Mass Texting system utilization.
- Further suggestions or questions can be directed to [ralph.benson@usw9511.ca](mailto:ralph.benson@usw9511.ca)

### **USW9511 Logo Creation Competition:**

- We are holding a competition to create a distinct logo for our Local.
- It should be representative of our work and include our Union colours.
- Individuals can submit family or friends creation but the prize (\$200) can only be awarded to a Local member.
- Rights to the image to be transferred to the Local upon acceptance of the prize.
- **Submissions are currently being Accepted thorough the USW9511 Website.** (go to the main page post of the contest, scroll to the entry submission at the bottom of the page).

### **Serco / MTO Contract**

- The current status of the Serco / MTO contract remains uncertain, as the request for proposal (RFP) process is still underway. However, it is important to recognize that regardless of which organization is ultimately awarded the contract, the

work itself remains essential. The services being provided will continue to be required, and the need for experienced personnel to carry out these responsibilities will persist.

**Motions: (Passed/ Defeated)**

- Motion for the Local to fund up to 4 members to attend the District 6 Spring School May 31- June 5, 2026 **(Passed)**
- Motion for the Local to purchase a Zoom Workplace subscription (discontinuing our Microsoft Teams subscription) **(Passed)**
- Motion from the floor for the Local to fund a one time donation of \$250 to help one of our members with emergency medical expenses, travel costs. **(Passed)**