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Triage Desk

Hello there,

Alberta's health care system is at a pivotal moment. From the implementation of Bill 11 to the upcoming provincial referendum on Alberta's future within Canada, decisions being made today have the potential to shape health care for years to come.

While these are separate issues, both carry significant implications for the public health care system Albertans rely on every day.

In this edition, we're taking a closer look at what these developments could mean, why they matter to nurses and patients alike, and why UNA's Alberta Needs Care campaign remains as relevant as ever.

You'll also find highlights from the 2026 Canadian Federation of Nurses Union (CFNU) Western Canada Labour School, along with other news and updates from across the union.

Thank you for reading, and we hope you find this edition informative and inspiring.

Nursing Notes



Bill 11 is not 'European style' health care: Don't be bamboozled!

For years, Albertans have been told that changes to our health care system are about improving choice and access.

But what do those changes really mean?

[In this short animated video](#), we take a closer look at how decades of policy decisions have impacted public health care in Alberta, why the UCP's Bill 11 has raised concerns, and what some believe it could mean for the future of our health care system.

Whether you've heard terms like "the third way" or "European-style health care" and wondered what they actually mean, this video breaks it down in a clear and accessible way.

[Watch the full video on YouTube](#) and the [Bill 11 page at AlbertaNeedsCare.ca](#) to learn more, hear the full context, and decide for yourself.

Brain Food



UNA Executive Board Supports Alberta Remaining in Canada

The United Nurses of Alberta Executive Board has voted to support Option 1 in Alberta's October 19 referendum, affirming that Alberta should remain a province in Canada.

The decision reflects UNA's longstanding commitment to protecting public health care, workers' rights, and the social and economic well-being of nurses and Albertans.

Read why UNA believes the outcome of this referendum could have significant implications for the future of health care in Alberta and across Canada.

[Read the full article on our website.](#)

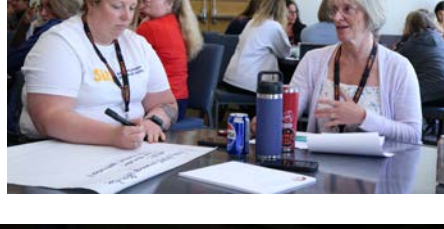
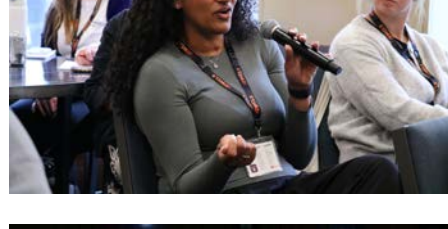
Labour School Recap

Last month, UNA hosted the 2026 CFNU Western Canada Labour School, bringing together nurses from across Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

Participants took part in engaging workshops, meaningful panel discussions, and valuable conversations focused on leadership, workplace advocacy, member engagement, and political action.

This year's event also marked a new chapter as the labour school welcomed participants from British Columbia under its new name, the CFNU Western Canada Labour School. It was previously the CFNU Prilair Labour School

Below are a few photo highlights from an incredible few days of learning, collaboration, and solidarity.



Quote of the Month

"Health care should be a human right and not a commodity for sale."

Jim Wallis - American theologian and writer

What's Next?



Alberta Needs Care: The Conversation Continues

With Bill 11 now law, the future of Alberta's public health care system remains a critical issue. That's why UNA's Alberta Needs Care campaign continues to keep the spotlight on what matters most: building capacity, strengthening public health care, and ensuring Albertans have access to the care they need.

While this phase of the campaign nears its conclusion, its message remains as important as ever: Albertans deserve a strong, accessible public health care system.

We encourage everyone to continue learning about [Bill 11](#) and what it could mean for the future of health care in our province.

Learn more on our website at [AlbertaNeedsCare.ca](#)

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