



**2026 PSAC Ontario
Building Solidarity with Indigenous
Communities**

**Casino Rama
September 18 to 20, 2026**

Call-Out

To: PSAC Ontario Members

From: Craig Reynolds, Regional Executive Vice-President, PSAC Ontario

cc: PSAC Ontario Regional Offices

Greetings,

We are pleased to announce PSAC Ontario's ***Building Solidarity with Indigenous Communities*** course is open for registration. This three-day course is being held from 9:00AM on Sept 18, 2026, to 5:00PM on Sept 20, 2026, at the **Casino Rama (5899 Rama Road, Rama, Ontario, L3V 6H6)**.

Building Solidarity with Indigenous Communities is open to all PSAC Members in good standing and it is an in-residence course.

Why Attend ***Building Solidarity with Indigenous Communities***?

This course will provide members with education on the history and struggles of Metis, Inuit and First Nations' people across Turtle Island.

- We will discuss the history and legacy of Residential Schools, Indian Hospitals, the Indian Act, colonialism, human rights, anti-racism, and oppression. Participants will learn about and hear first-hand accounts of Indigenous people in the Indian Residential School system and the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to ensure that history is not forgotten, and that Survivors are remembered and respected.
- We will examine the 94 Calls to Action and the 10 Principles of Reconciliation and discuss how they can apply to the work we do in the union.
- Working together, members will learn about policies like the Doctrine of Discovery, the Indian Act and the Indian Trust Fund and the detrimental effects they have had on Indigenous peoples and their communities for centuries.
- One main theme of the course will be the violence of the Indian Act, a race-based piece of legislation which for 150 years has shaped every aspect of

Indigenous peoples' lives. We will discuss all the harmful consequences of the Act, which is still in effect today.

- Another main theme of the course is showing solidarity with Indigenous communities; how we can do that as a union and as individuals.

Participant Selection

This course was designed specifically for non-Indigenous members of the union; however, any member in good standing can apply. There are 20 available spots. Allocation will ensure equity, representation from Locals/Branches/DCL's and geographic representation.

Logistics

The course will commence on Friday, Sept 18, 2026, from 9:00am. Sunday, September 20, 2026, will be the last full day.

Event Schedule

Thursday, Sept 17 th	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Registration
Friday, Sept 18 th	7:30 am – 8:30 am	Registration
Friday, Sept 18 th	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Welcome / Day 1
Saturday, Sept 19 th	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Day 2 / Lunch provided
Sunday, Sept 20 th	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Day 3 / Closing

Travel

All participants at the event will be funded according to the **PSAC Travel Policy**:
<http://psacunion.ca/travel-policy>

Participants are expected to travel by the most direct and economical means possible. Approval for travel and funding will be made on a case-by-case basis, dependent upon the participant's location and in accordance with the PSAC Travel Policy.

Vehicles and Mileage (POMV)

Participants who are approved to travel via personal vehicle will be reimbursed according to the PSAC Travel Policy up to the most economic means of travel at the current rates at the time of the event. Travel by personal vehicle requires prior approval. Approval will be granted on a case-by-case basis.

The PSAC will not pay for parking tickets, speeding tickets, 407 or toll charges, transponder fees or any damage to a rental vehicle not covered by the insurance fees.

In the case of pre-approved vehicle rentals, the PSAC will pay for the cost of the rental vehicle, the gas and insurance fees.

Loss of Salary (LOS)

Loss of salary will be compensated for any hours that a participant was regularly scheduled to work during the course period, including travel days. Participants living within the GTHA will be expected to travel in on the evening of Thursday, September 17, 2026, and stay for the entirety of the event. **Additional loss of salary for participants travelling greater distances will require prior approval.**

Accommodation

Participants will stay at the [Casino Rama \(5899 Rama Road, Rama, Ontario, L3V 6H6\)](#). All guestrooms will be arranged by the PSAC staff administering the event.

Note: No outside food is allowed into the meeting room.

Family Care

Family Care costs will be reimbursed per the *PSAC Family Care Policy*:
<http://psacunion.ca/family-care-policy>.

On-Site Family Care will be provided upon request. If you require on-site care, please be sure to specify this on your registration form.

Harassment, Scent and Smoke Free Environment

In accordance with PSAC policy, the course is a smoke-free, harassment-free, and scent-free environment.

Registrations will close at noon on Aug 26th, 2026 (12:00PM EST).

Registration

Please complete the online registration form via the link below. Right click on "Registration Link" below and select 'open hyperlink'.

Questions About Registering?

Please contact Administrative Assistant Dorothy Sackanay
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REGISTRATION LINK

In Solidarity,



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