



## **30 Years Strong and Moving Forward**

Local 333 was created August 22, 1987 under the union name "Canadian Paper Workers". This composite local was created to service small bargaining units in the Greater Metropolitan Toronto Area. These bargaining units varied in size, some as small 2 members, some as large as approximately 150. This effort was done in order to provide an avenue for these members to receive a better structure that would be more responsive and accessible.

The first general membership meeting was on March 26, 1988. At this meeting 8 officers were elected to oversee the local. (The first executive board meeting was held on March 27, 1988.) There were 32 member in attendance. As the local grew, more members became interested in what was going on within our local, and attendance at meetings reflected this interest.

In 1992 there was a merger between the Canadian Paper Workers Union, Communication and Electrical Workers of Canada, and Energy and Chemical Workers union. These three together formed Communication, Energy and Paperworkers Union of Canada, known as C.E.P. From 1992 to 2013 it was largely a private sector labour union with about 150,000 members. C.E.P. had the largest media sector in Canada, the energy portion consisted of mainly Canadian workers in oil and gas, while the paper workers consisted of pulp and paper from the Maritimes to B.C.

In September 2013 the Canadian Auto Workers Union (C.A.W.) and the Communication Energy Paper Workers Union (C.E.P.) came together to form Canada's largest private sector union. We know it today as Unifor, with approximately 320,000 members from coast to coast. To this day, Local 333 is still a composite local with 40 bargaining units and is geographically spread out over all of Southern Ontario.