

MEET YOUR UFCW LOCAL 175 PRESIDENT & SECRETARY - TREASURER



KELLY TOSATO - PRESIDENT

Kelly Tosato (she/her) was elected by a unanimous vote of the Executive Board and was sworn into her role as President of UFCW Local 175 on February 14, 2024, becoming one of the first women to lead a Local Union of this size (70,000 members).

- Kelly's involvement with the UFCW began in 1988/89 after she assisted with organizing her workplace, Pinty's in St. Catharines, with UFCW Local 617P.
- Kelly was also involved in the St. Catharines District Labour Council.
- She was elected as the Union Chairperson at Pinty's and was an Executive Board member for Local 617P leading up to its merger with UFCW Local 175.
- After the merger, Kelly became a Vice-President on the Local 175 Executive Board.
- In 2001, the Local Union hired Kelly as a Union Representative, and in 2009, she became Director for Region 2 – one of the largest and most diverse regions within Local 175.

- In 2014, Kelly was elected as Local 175 Secretary-Treasurer by the Executive Board.
- As Secretary-Treasurer, she also took on the role of Director of Region 1 for the members in Northwest Ontario for several years.
- Kelly was acclaimed as Secretary-Treasurer through Local Union Executive Board elections in 2015, 2019, and 2023.
- Kelly sits as a trustee on a number of committees and boards, and on February 27, 2024, she was elected to the position of International Vice-President as well.

As President of the largest UFCW Local Union in North America, Kelly is a strong advocate for all working people and a champion for the advancement of workers' and human rights.



**JIM MCLEAN -
SECRETARY-TREASURER**

On February 14, 2024, Jim McLean (he/him) was elected by a unanimous vote of the Local 175 Executive Board and was sworn into his role as Secretary-Treasurer.

- Jim began his career as a retail grocery worker at Zehrs in Orangeville in 1980, where he worked for nearly 13 years, and was a member of UFCW Local 1977.
- He also worked at the Bolton Zehrs store for a few years and spent several years in the manufacturing industry at McDonnell Douglas.
- Jim took on a leadership role in his store and became a Union Steward in 1981, and also represented his co-workers on the workplace Health & Safety Committee for eight years.
- Jim has always been an active and engaged Union member. He:
 - Was the Local 1977 Leukemia Fundraising Chairperson.
 - Worked as an Organizer for the Union as a Special Projects Union Representative (SPUR).
 - Was an Executive Board Vice President for a number of years.

- In 1993, Local 1977 hired Jim full-time, first as a Union Representative, then as the Collective Bargaining Coordinator.
- Jim was an integral part of the merger between UFCW Local 1977 Local 175 in August 2011.
- At Local 175, Jim has held the roles of Director for Regions 5 and 7, and Executive Assistant to the President.
- Jim is active on a number of union-related committees and trusts, as he has been throughout his Union career.

As Secretary-Treasurer of Local 175, Jim is dedicated to upholding the trust and best interests of the more than 70,000 members of this Union.

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