

Morteza Maleki



Morteza is of Iranian descent and has been living in Canada since the early 1980s.

In 2004, while employed as a bus operator with D.W. Services (Langley Shuttle), he formed the joint Health and Safety Committee. After two years of strenuous effort, Morteza successfully organized the drivers at D.W Services Ltd into the CAW Union in 2006. He brought the shuttle bus drivers from New Westminster, Tsawwassen and Langley under CAW (Unifor) union leadership.

Morteza was first elected as Shop Steward and member of the Bargaining Committee for D.W. Services since the inception of the position in October 2006. Since this time, Morteza has held various positions with the CAW and Unifor executive committees. Morteza has served as the chairperson of the Human Rights and the Workers of Colour committees. Presently, Morteza is the chairperson of the Unifor Local 114's Aboriginal & Racialized Workers

Committee and is the Vice Chair of the Unifor Vancouver Area Aboriginal Workers of Colour Committee. Morteza has been a part of many Union movements, including the 2020 Regina Refinery workers strike and more recently, he was on the picket lines of the 2022 Sea to Sky Transit strike.

Morteza has been a Unifor delegate and representative at many Unifor National and BC Federation of Labour conventions. Additionally, he represented Local 114 at many Unifor BC Regional Councils.

Morteza has been politically active for over 40 years. While studying in university, he was active in the efforts to bring democracy to Iran. Since immigrating to Canada, he has been politically active with many Provincial and Federal NDP candidates.

Morteza continually engages with various communities across the Lower Mainland through assisting with the planning of the Vaisakhi and Chinese New Year celebrations. Moreover, he liaises with community leaders to better understand their needs and to help reinforce strong ties amongst their communities by addressing the challenges they face.

He fluently speaks several languages, including English, Farsi, Arabic, Kurdish, Hindi, and Urdu. This demonstrates his ability to understand people of different cultures, beliefs, and backgrounds, all of which are an asset to these positions.

Throughout his life and career, Morteza has demonstrated his commitment to fighting injustice. He is looking forward to continuing his long track record of supporting visible minorities, Indigenous workers, and to defend and uphold Unifor's core values. His experience, passion and strong work ethic render him a valuable member to the Unifor Executive team. It would be an honor and privilege to continue to represent you.