



The ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS' Association of Ottawa



# ECA OTTAWA NEWSWIRE

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The ECA Ottawa Newswire is the distribution hub for electrical information and communications to our members on issues related specifically to our association, our industry, and our community.

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## ECA OTTAWA NEWSLETTER IS BACK

With so much going on within the association, the region and the industry it only makes sense for ECA Ottawa to revive its monthly newsletter, the Newswire. To kick things off, we will catch you up on the latest information such as the new Executive Director, ongoing Labour Negotiations, education courses or an all new list of discount programs available to you. While the intent was to provide a monthly newsletter, there is so much going on at the moment that we will deliver you updates on a weekly basis. If there are others in your office who would benefit from

receiving this newsletter please email the addresses to [daryl@ecaottawa.org](mailto:daryl@ecaottawa.org).

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Daryl Sharkey

## WELCOME NEW ECA OTTAWA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - DARYL SHARKEY

The ECA Ottawa Board of Directors are pleased to welcome Mr. Daryl Sharkey as the new Executive Director of our association. After several years in the high-tech industry, Daryl moved to the not-for-profit sector. For the past 16 years he has held several senior positions with the Mechanical Contractors Association of Canada, including MCAC Director of Member Services, Executive Director of the MCAC Associates Council and Executive Director of the Mechanical Service Contractors of Canada.

Daryl has grown up in Ottawa; married his high school sweetheart and raised 3 daughters here. He attended Algonquin College, Carleton University and as a member of the Canadian Society of Association Executive, holds their highest designation as a Certified Association Executive. Join us in welcoming Daryl to ECA Ottawa.

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## 2018 CHRISTMAS GALA NOVEMBER 30

ECA Ottawa President Mark Conrad and his wife Susan invite you to this year's ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GALA. It will be held at the Chateau Laurier Hotel in the Adam Room. The welcoming reception will begin at 6:00pm. Dinner will be served at 7:00pm and entertainment will be provided by the Sway Orchestra. There are a limited number of reserved hotel rooms for your convenience and additional seats for the gala can be purchased at \$300 per couple. The ECA Ottawa office will send an invoice for extra attendees. Please register by November 16, 2018. You can now register for the gala and reserve your hotel room online by [clicking here](#).

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## WSIB SAYS BUSINESS OWNERS CAN EXPECT PREMIUM DEDUCTIONS

After reaching a high of \$14.2 billion in 2011, WSIB now eliminated their Unfunded Liability (UFL) almost 10 years ahead of the legislated deadline of December 31, 2027. The UFL was the difference between the money needed to pay future benefits to people injured at work for all established claims, and the money that was in the insurance fund. Now that it has been eliminated, they are reporting a slight reserve. What does this mean for you?

It means that people who are hurt or become ill as the result of their work can have confidence we will be here to help them now, and into the future. It also means that Ontario businesses, who have been contributing to paying down the burden of the UFL, are in line for significant average premium rate reductions in 2019.



## ECA OTTAWA UPDATES WEBSITE

Your ECA Ottawa website has been significantly updated recently and we would invite you to visit the site to find new and interesting programs, benefits and services. The website is a work in progress and we are confident you will continue to see updates and additional content as well as changes to the look and feel of the website. ECA Ottawa will also be working towards reducing its environmental footprint by taking advantage of technology. For example, going forward members will be able to register online for upcoming events. Don't forget to check out the list of discount programs. We invite you to visit the website at [www.ecaottawa.org](http://www.ecaottawa.org).



## BILL MCKEE AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS DOUGLAS JB WRIGHT AWARD

At this year's ECA Ontario Annual General Meeting in Blue Mountain, Ontario, longtime ECA Association member Bill McKee was presented with the prestigious Douglas JB Wright Award. The Award was created in 1992 by the Electrical Contractors Association of Ontario and the Ontario Electrical Construction Co. Ltd. to pay tribute to individuals who best exemplify the dedication and commitment to the electrical contracting industry. Congratulations Bill, we are all very proud of you. This award is certainly very well deserved.



## MEMBERS SAVE 2.4 CENTS PER LITRE WITH PETRO CANADA

As a member of the Electrical Contractors Association of Ottawa you are eligible to enter the Petro-Canada SuperPass Credit Card program. This exclusive program saves you 2.4 cents per litre on all grades of gasoline and diesel fuels when purchasing a minimum 400 litres per month. These savings go directly to your bottom line. Contact Daryl Sharkey in the ECA Ottawa for more information or visit the website at [www.ecaottawa.org](http://www.ecaottawa.org) in the Member Advantage Program tab.



## ECA OTTAWA PARTNERS WITH OCA FOR NEW SYMPOSIUM & SHOW

ECA Ottawa and several of Ottawa's construction industry associations have partnered with the Ottawa Construction Association (OCA) to launch the brand-new OCA Construction Symposium and Trade Show. It will be held February 27, 2019 at the EY Centre. The first ever, full day event is designed to develop greater opportunities for the industry to network, to learn and to grow your business potential. [Click here for more.](#)