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CHANGES TO APPRENTICESHIP AND MORE MOVING FORWARD

The Ford Government, having announced sweeping changes to the current Apprenticeship System, has seen its legislation through Bill 47, Making Ontario Open for Business Act, pass 2nd Reading yesterday. This Act reverses many of the former Liberal government's labour relations and employment standards provisions in Bill 148. The key reforms include: minimum wage paused at \$14 per hour; partial repeal of scheduling provisions, removal of equal pay for equal work, return to previous calculations for public holiday pay, return to previous union certification policies, amended personal emergency leave, maintaining the domestic violence or sexual violence leave, maintained paid vacation expansion, dissolution of the Ontario College of Trades (OCOT) and setting all apprenticeship ratios at 1-to-1. They have also said it will propose further 'improvements' to the apprenticeship system. Please note that these changes are not yet in effect as they must receive Royal Assent. To read the bill please [click here](#).



JOIN US FOR ECA OTTAWA'S 2018 CHRISTMAS GALA

November 30, 2018 – With exactly one month to go before our [ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GALA](#), registration is going extremely well. This year's event will once again be held at the Chateau Laurier Hotel on November 30th with the popular Sway Orchestra performing. There is still room for you to register by visiting the ECA Ottawa website at www.ecaottawa.org to book your spot online. Please note the hotel room block is sold out. We look forward to seeing everyone for this annual extravaganza.



ECA OTTAWA WELCOMES NEW MEMBER

The ECA Ottawa is proud to welcome **Phil Elektrik** to our list of members. Owner Phil Leger is excited to be a part of the ECA. He now has access to the entire list of educational offerings, discount programs, business tools and much more. Please join us in congratulating Phil Elektrik and welcoming them to ECA Ottawa.



FITNESS FOR DUTY SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS TESTS & TOOLS

With the very recent legalization of cannabis coming into effect, there is widespread concern in the construction industry surrounding fitness for duty, but one organization says new innovations in impairment testing are on the horizon. DriverCheck Inc., which provides medical testing and assessments, held a Fitness for Duty Summit in Milton, Ont. on Oct. 3 and 4. Connor Page, business development manager at DriverCheck, hosted a session billed as the Quest for an Impairment Test, where he discussed available and emerging technologies. Click here to [read more](#).
