



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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## IBEW & ECA'S RATIFY THE NEW JOINT PROPOSAL

The Electrical Contractors Association of Ontario is pleased to announce the ratification of the Joint Proposal for the 2019 round of bargaining. All ECAs have ratified the Joint Proposal. The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Construction Council of Ontario (IBEW-CCO) confirmed that their members have ratified the Joint Proposal as agreed to on October 1, 2018 by ETBA

representatives. A total of 3,783 ballots were returned to the IBEW-CCO and counted on November 15, with 3,326 (87.9%) voting in favour of the Joint Proposal. Local bargaining has already begun in Ottawa and many locals and provincial bargaining will begin in January. On behalf of ECAO and ETBA, thank you to those involved with the process for their time and commitment to date. Questions or concerns may be directed to Graeme Aitken ([rgaitken@ecao.org](mailto:rgaitken@ecao.org)) or Jodi Travers ([jtravers@ecao.org](mailto:jtravers@ecao.org)).

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## ONTARIO BILL 47 BECOMES LAW

On November 21, 2018, Bill 47, the *Making Ontario Open for Business Act, 2018*, quickly passed third reading and received royal assent. Although Bill 47 preserves certain Bill 148 amendments (including the right to three weeks of paid vacation, extended parental and pregnancy leave, and the introduction of domestic or sexual violence leave), it repeals many Bill 148 reforms, including those respecting paid personal emergency leave, planned increases to the minimum wage, change of apprenticeship ratios to 1:1 and the winding down of OCOT. Bill 47's amendments to the *Employment Standards Act, 2000* (the ESA) will come into force on January 1, 2019, while the changes to the *Labour Relations Act, 1995* (the LRA) take effect immediately.

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## NEW STABILIZATION FUND APPLICATIONS PROCESS IN 2019

Starting in January 2019, all applications for the Local 586 Stabilization Fund will first be received and reviewed by the ECA Ottawa office prior to review by the IBEW. Shortly, the Rules and Regulations, along with an updated application form

will be posted to the ECA Ottawa website. For those companies that take advantage of this fund, please make note of this major change in the process. Further details will be available via this newsletter and the website.

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## PARKING NOTE: ECA OTTAWA 2018 CHRISTMAS GALA

**To All ECA Ottawa Members Registered for Christmas Gala** - (Please share this email with your guests). **Just a reminder to all that the Fairmont Chateau Laurier has no parking garage.** A good option to consider is to use a cab, uber or limo service. The Fairmont has a list of alternate parking locations all within a short walk and can be viewed at this [LINK](#). See you Friday.

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## NETWORKING BASICS FOR LIGHTING PROFESSIONALS

As lighting becomes more connected, facility managers, agents, architects and designers need to learn networking basics and terminology. While designing and installing a network sounds daunting, it is easier once you understand the basics. In this post, we talk about networking basics for smart lighting. [Read More](#)

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