



The ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS' Association of Ottawa



ECA OTTAWA **NEWSWIRE**

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



New Minor Construction Projects - 40 Hours

Electrical Contractors in Ottawa should be aware that they are able to provide a 40 hour work week on projects with no more than four men and to a maximum 1300 hours. This is a new provision in the Local Agreement. The only requirement is to email a one page form to the IBEW letting them know of the project. Please contact the ECA Ottawa office for the form and any additional details.

Still Time To Register For ECA Ottawa Golf Tournament

This year's Annual Golf Tournament will once again take place at the Kanata Golf and Country Club on July 16. Lunch will start at 11:30 with the tee off scheduled for 1:00pm. Join us in supporting The Ottawa Rotary House, this years charity. It provides respite care for caregivers and parents. There is still time to register your foursome or become a tournament sponsor. Visit the ECA Ottawa website for more information at www.ecaottawa.org. See you July 16.

StatsCan Reports Annual Pace of Inflation Rises

Statistics Canada says the annual inflation pace picked up last month as the consumer price index rose 2.4 per cent. Food prices rose 3.5 per cent and transportation prices increased 3.1 per cent. Gas prices are still down compared to last year. To read more please [click here](#). (Source: Canadian Manufacturing)

Federal Prompt Payment Becomes Law

On June 21, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Julie Payette, Governor General of Canada, gave royal assent to Bill C-97, the Budget Implementation Act, 2019. The bill contained the 'Prompt Payment for Construction Work Act' which lays the foundation for prompt payments throughout the construction chain on construction projects procured by the federal government. This initiative has been ongoing for more than a decade involving most of the major trades, including electrical.

Last Day To Apply For ECAO Scholarship

Today is the **last day** to apply for the ECAO Scholarship Award. This award was established in 2004 and provides financial support for deserving children or wards of salaried personnel of ECAO member companies.

[Click here](#) to download the Scholarship Application form and we ask you to submit the application to ECAO, attention Cathy Frederickson **by July 26**.

Ontario's Underground Economy Costing Billions

According to a new study prepared by Prism Economics and Analysis for the Ontario Construction Secretariat, the estimated revenue losses to governments and government agencies due to the underground economy ranges from \$1.8 to \$3.1 billion dollars annually. The study covers the period of 2013-2017. This is a 30% increase based on the estimates from 2007-2009. A staggering amount of money lost each year. [Click here for more.](#)

This Day In History - June 26

1497 - John Cabot claims Eastern Canada for England
1534 - Jacques Cartier discovers Prince Edward Island
1870 - Christmas is declared a federal holiday in the U.S.
1906 - The first Grand prix motor race is held
1974 - The 1st (Universal product Code) is used to sell Wrigley's gum
2015 - US Supreme Court rules same-sex couples have the right to marriage

Change Order Guide Update

ECA Ottawa recommends to its members that when submitting your bid to a general contractor or the school board, you provide your hourly rate for Contemplated Change Orders on the bid form. This would also apply to any job where there may be a conflict with hourly rates. Understand that your bid submission is your contract at 'time of tender'. If there is no stipulated pricing or language in your submission for changes then you may have an issue. Your submission is your legal contract until a CCDC or other contractual document is presented to you for your review and acceptance. They accept your bid, they have accepted your terms and conditions. [Click here for the 2019 **Change Order Guide**.](#)

