



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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## TOMORROW CANNABIS WILL BE LEGAL IN CANADA

For the last few weeks all we've been hearing about is that tomorrow, October 17, will see the legalization of Cannabis in Canada. There remains a lot of questions but what is clear is that consuming recreational cannabis in the workplace is still illegal. Also, the 'fit to work' rules still apply. If you want to find out more information, there are several articles and direct links on the ECA Ottawa website at [www.ecaottawa.org](http://www.ecaottawa.org).



## FREE FIRST AID & CPR TRAINING



ECA Ottawa is proud to offer our members First Aid and CPR training at the ECA office - typically on a Monday or Tuesday evening in the middle of each month. Classes are provided at no charge as a benefit of membership. There are usually between 5-20 people from multiple companies in attendance. Please feel free to contact our office to find out when the next class is or to book your staff for a course. Call 613.238.1124 or email [info@ecaottawa.org](mailto:info@ecaottawa.org).



## 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 begins 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 register for the gala and reserve your hotel room online by [clicking here](#).



## OTTAWA'S ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

LRT: On Track for Economic Growth & Prosperity. The 2018 luncheon will include an important update from the Mayor of Ottawa and valuable insights from one of Canada's top economic analysts, Doug Porter, Chief Economist with BMO. The keynote presentation from Stephen Willis, General Manager, Planning Infrastructure & Economic Development at the City of Ottawa, will focus on how investment in light rail transit will trigger related residential, commercial and mixed-use development and help strengthen Ottawa's reputation as one of the world's best cities in which to live, work, play, invest, study and visit. Finally, a panel of notable local business leaders will provide a private-sector perspective of what's on track for LRT related economic development in 2019 and beyond. It takes place Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at the Shaw Centre, Trillium Room, 11:00am – 1:30 pm. [Click here for more information](#).



## FEDS MUST PROTECT SUBCONTRACTORS RIGHTS

The federal government must protect the rights of subcontractors in bankruptcy proceedings. Bankruptcy law affects the construction industry more than most. That is why the construction industry needs to know about subtle changes in bankruptcy law that have put the industry at a disadvantage relative to other creditors, most notable banks. When a company petitions for bankruptcy its assets are pooled. Section 8 of Ontario's Construction Act has changed in that subcontractors and suppliers have lost their limited priority over trust fund. In a decision by the Ontario Supreme Court of Justice in 2014, banks have priority over subcontractors and suppliers. [Click here to read more.](#)



## MEMBERS SAVE ON COMMERCIAL & PROPERTY INSURANCE

As a member of the Electrical Contractors Association of Ottawa you are eligible to participate in the Federated Insurance discount program. These insurance packages are designed specifically for the electrical contracting industry. Federated is a direct insurer allowing them to offer our members significant savings on customized packages. 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 Benefits page.



## 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.](#)



## THIS DAY IN HISTORY

1841 – Queens University in Kingston, ON is chartered  
1873 - Lt-Colonel George French is appointed the 1st Commissioner of the North West Mounted Police (NWMP)

1923 - John Hardwood patents the self-winding watch (Switzerland)  
1946 - Gordie Howe plays in his 1st NHL game, scores 1<sup>st</sup> goal as a Detroit Red Wing against the Maple Leafs  
1968 - Americans Tommie Smith & John Carlos give famous black power salute at the Mexico City Olympics  
1970 - Pierre Trudeau imposes the War Measures Act after Québec Minister Pierre Laporte was found murdered  
1978 - Wayne Gretzky garners his 1<sup>st</sup> pro point, an assist while playing for Indianapolis in the WHA