



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 Format For ECA Ottawa NEWSWIRE

ECA Ottawa continues to develop new programs and services to meet the ever-increasing requirements of our members. Continuing with the expansion of our PR and Communications services, and adding to our new website and new social media platforms, we are pleased to provide you with the new format for your monthly information publication, the NEWSWIRE. We hope you appreciate the easy to read and clean layout. Please note that if you would like others in your office to receive this monthly publication please email the office at info@ecaottawa.org, include the email addresses you would like and note, please add to NEWSWIRE distribution as your subject line.

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 most recent Change Order Guide.](#)

2019 ECA Ottawa Golf Tournament

Registration for ECA Ottawa's 2019 Golf Tournament is filling up so don't miss out, sign up today! You can register online at www.ECAOttawaGolfRegistration.com. Note that registration will be held for ECA Ottawa members until May 31 then it will open to all industry affiliates. [Exceptional SPONSORSHIP opportunities are still available](#) as well.

In Memoriam - Wayne Crawford



It is with great sadness that I report that ECA Ottawa Past President (1998) Wayne Crawford passed away last Friday night. While I didn't have the opportunity to meet Mr. Crawford personally, I do see his son's Ken and Chris regularly, who are both wonderful people and successful businessmen, a testament to their fathers guidance. On behalf of the membership I pass along condolences to Jeannie and to his sons and daughters Debbie, Ken, Chris and Trina as well as to the entire extended family. The obituary notice is in today's Ottawa Citizen at this [LINK](#).

ESA Elects New Chair

The Board of Directors of the Electrical Safety Authority has elected Peter Gregg as Chair to succeed Brian Bentz. Brian retires from the ESA Board after serving nine years as a Director, including three years as Chair. Peter, who was appointed to the ESA Board five years ago, currently chairs the Audit Committee and is a member of the Human Resources and Investment Committee. He has earned a Masters of Business Administration from the Ivey School of Business and holds the Institute of Corporate Directors ICD.D (Certified Director) design .

OESC 2018 Training

There is still time to register for the June 10th Ontario Electrical Safety Code 2018 training course. The Code is an Ontario regulation that establishes safety standards for the installation and maintenance of electrical equipment. It is primarily a technical document, prescriptive in approach. ECA Ottawa welcomes all members and their office staff to participate in this course. [Click here to find out more.](#)

Technology - Self-Sustaining Building Software

BrainBox AI, a Montreal-based company, plans to launch a new product combining deep learning, cloud-based computing and algorithms to support self-sustaining commercial buildings. The company's goal is to redefine building automation and be a leader in the green building revolution. To find out more [click here](#).

By The Numbers

The City of Ottawa issued a total of 145 NON-RESIDENTIAL permits in March 2019 totalling \$44,912,820.00 (including new construction and renovations). A total of 433 RESIDENTIAL permits were issued in March, 2019. The value of those permits equaled \$183,373,014.00.

Across Canada

Canadian municipalities issued \$7.8 billion worth of building permits in February, down 5.7% from the previous month. Statistics Canada reported the decline was largely due to lower intentions for multi-family dwellings. Municipalities issued \$2.9 billion worth of non-residential permits in February, edging down 0.5% from January. Institutional permits rose 11.6%, the first increase in 5 months. Residential permits declined 8.5% to \$4.9 billion, the lowest level since April 2017.

This Day In History - May 29

1832 - Lt. Col John By inaugurates the 200km Rideau Canal from Kingston to Ottawa
1914 - Empress of Ireland sinks in Gulf of St. Lawrence losing 1,024 lives.
1919 - Einstein's theory of general relativity is 1st tested
1953 - Sir Edmund Hillary & Sherpa Tenzig Norgay summit Mt. Everest
19987 - Preston Manning becomes the 1st leader of the new Reform Party
1999 - Space shuttle 'Discovery' completes 1st docking with International Space Station



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