



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.

IBEW Announces Changes To Stabilization Fund

For members of ECA Ottawa who use the Stabilization Fund please take immediately note of the following important changes:

1. Starting **October 1, 2020** all members using the stabilization fund will have 90 days to report the status of your stab request. (won or lost) If you do not inform the IBEW within this 90 day window, your stabilization stab request will be closed and the funding will be **forfeit!**
2. All invoices are to be submitted on a MONTHLY basis. The IBEW will not pay if submitted quarterly, every six months or yearly. The funding will be forfeited.
3. If stab request is submitted LATE, no stab will be given.
4. If a stab job gets extended to a new date, do not enter a new request in the database. Go on the system and **CHANGE** the date to the new closing date. Do not assume the stab amount allotted will be the same on the new closing date. If you do not change the date, the amount may not be honored.

Please ensure you are aware of these changes!!!!

Covid App Is Available Free To Download

Get The Covid App - ECA Ottawa encourages all our members and their employees to download the COVID Alert App to protect yourself and your community. It is not a tracking system but rather, a warning system for you and everyone around you.

Android Google Play Store - [click here](#)

iPhone Apple Store - [click here](#)

With the free COVID Alert app, you can:

- get a notification if you may have been exposed to COVID-19
- get advice on what to do next
- tell nearby app users if you test positive for COVID-19, without sharing any personal information

COVID Alert will not:

- collect, store or access any personal data, or health information
- tell you if you're currently near someone who's tested positive
- tell you about outbreaks in your city or neighborhood

Liberals Replace CERB with New Simplified EI Benefit

OTTAWA — The federal Liberals are rolling out a \$37-billion income-support plan for workers whose earnings have crashed during the pandemic. The details released today outline what will happen to some four million workers receiving the \$500-a-week Canada Emergency Response Benefit, which is set to wind down

starting this month. The CERB will be extended four weeks, and a new benefit that pays \$400 a week for up to 26 weeks will replace it for those ineligible for employment insurance. Anyone eligible for EI will get the same minimum for at least 26 weeks and will need to have worked 120 hours to qualify, well below current EI requirements, since many Canadians have been unable to work to the pandemic.

There will also be \$500-a-week sickness benefit and caregiving benefit for anyone who has to stay home because they're ill, or because school or daycare is closed. The three new benefits are expected to cost \$22 billion and will be brought in through legislation once the House of Commons returns after being prorogued this week. The CERB extension is expected to cost a further \$8 billion, and \$7 billion more to the EI system, and can be done through powers that Employment Minister Carla Qualtrough already has to create temporary EI measures. Government officials estimate about one million people will need the new workers' benefit that replaces the CERB, and three million will go onto the simplified EI program.

Don't Forget To Send In Your Proxy

Just A Reminder: The 2020 ECA Ontario AGM takes place virtually this year on September 17. It is important that you sign and return the **Proxy Form 2020** to the ECA Ottawa office as soon as possible, or by 4:00 PM on Wednesday, September 9, 2020.

If you do want to attend virtually, ECA Ontario requires pre-registration to send out packages and Zoom details ahead of time. Register in advance for this meeting by **clicking here**. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

As the proxy holder, ECA Ottawa President Stacy Anderson will have the ability to vote and act on your behalf. Our position is that a representative from our Board of Directors is crucial to having a voice during the meeting. Again, I have attached the **Proxy Form** for your review and signature.

Please email your completed Proxy to daryl@ecaottawa.org or you can fax it to the ECA Ottawa office at 613-238-8194.

Daryl Sharkey, Executive Director of ECA Ottawa

Industry Hours Up Again in July

ECA Ottawa is encouraged by the continued increase in monthly industry hours. The electrical market started the year off somewhat down from 2019 but remained relatively strong until Covid hit in March 2020. As a result, the hours dropped significantly in April and May. June saw a solid uptick with more than 24,0000 hours more than the month before. July numbers came in this week and once again there was a solid upward swing coming close to the 2019 hours the year before.

ECA Ontario Virtual AGM

September 16 & 17 - ECA Ontario's Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Social Event online. All ECA Ottawa members are invited to the Virtual AGM and ECAO Social Event. [Click here to register.](#)

September 16

4:30pm - 5:00pm - Welcome & Live Performance with Canadian country music star James McCoy and Gordie Johnson of Big Sugar.

5:00pm - 6:00pm - Trivia Time

6:00pm - 6:30pm - Awards, Prizes and Best Mask Winner

September 17

8:30am - 9:30am - Welcome & AGM Kickoff

9:30am - 10:30am - Education Session with Melanie Sodka

[**Click here to register**](#)

Don't forget to send in your [**proxy**](#) to the ECA Ottawa office via email to [**daryl@ecaottawa.org**](mailto:daryl@ecaottawa.org) or fax it to 613-238-8194



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