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Executive Director's Report

Ontario College of Trades

Trade Board Appointments



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The Appointments Council branch of the College of Trades Appointments Council and Classification Roster, has appointed Forese Bertoia of Bertoia Lathing Ltd. in Kingston, to the Drywall Finisher and Plasterer/HAZMAT Trade Board, as an Employer representative. The appointment is for three years. Congratulations Forese. Forese also is a member of the AAO Board of Directors.

Al Chaffey of E. Chaffey & Son Contracting in Kemptville, another member of AAO, has also applied for a Trade Board position and is awaiting a response.

MOL Safety Update

TOP 10 HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS



The MOL has released its 2017 TOP 10 safety violations for construction. It's no surprise that violations relating to fall protection is number one as falls remain the number one fatality.

Please feel free to copy the list on the right and post at all your jobsites – it's a great discussion item for your next safety meeting.



MOL Blitz

MINISTRY OF LABOUR UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION BLITZ



Every year, workers are killed or seriously injured by backing vehicles and machinery on construction sites. It affects all trades including ours. You may be exiting a building, coming around a corner, assisting in a delivery, walking to/from the lunch or job trailer to name some examples. It is not specific just to heavy civil equipment, like dump trucks and dozers.

In September and October, the MOL will be working with the Infrastructure Health & Safety Association (IHSA) to help employers address the hazards of operating equipment in reverse on construction projects. During the first phase (Sept 1 to 30), they will provide information to help employers comply with the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* and its regulations. During Phase 2 (Oct 1 to 31), inspectors will carry out enhanced enforcement at construction projects targeting hazards associated with reversing equipment.

Remember, this should apply to all vehicle movement on a construction site and not only backing vehicles and machinery. You can also visit the IHSA website for their safety talk:

https://www.ihsa.ca/pdfs/safety_talks/backing_vehicles.pdf

MOL CONSULTATION

ANNUAL SAFE AT WORK ONTARIO STRATEGY AND SECOND INTEGRATED HEALTH AND SAFETY STRATEGY



This fall in October, the Ministry of Labour is holding back-to-back consultations in the Greater Toronto Area on:

1. The Safe at Work Ontario Strategy and
2. Ontario's next five-year strategy for occupational health and safety

The discussions will be an opportunity to help shape the future direction of the Ministry's strategy for 2019/2020. They will also be providing an update on some of their activities and would like to hear feedback on emerging priorities. AAO will be participating but if you or anyone in your company are interested in attending any of the sessions or webinars please register at:

<https://sawo.eventbrite.com>

WSIB

WSIB 2019 PREMIUM RATE UPDATE



We are still waiting for release of the new 2019 premium rates. It appears now they will be announced at the WSIB's AGM on September 26, the same day as COCA's COO and BoD meetings. Tom Teahen, WSIB President, will also be attending COCA's meetings that day and we expect he'll announce the dates to us then. We will advise all members accordingly.

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER 2018



IHSA Construction Legislative Review Committee Meeting:

Toronto, September 5th - Paul Gunning attending

Meeting with New Minister of Labour:

Toronto, September 12th - Paul Gunning attending with Ian Cunningham/Steve Dietrich of COCA)

Windsor Construction Labour Relations Group Pre-Bargaining Conference:

Quebec City, September 13 -16, 2018 - Paul Gunning attending with Robert Troup

AAO Annual General Meeting:

Halifax, September 20 - 23, 2018

IHSA Drywall Labour-Management Committee Meeting:

September 24, 2018 - Paul Gunning attending

COCA COO/Board Meeting:

September 26, 2018 - Paul Gunning attending

SEPTEMBER 2018



UPCOMING Mathews Dinsdale Seminars/Webinars

Copy the following URL to your browser to register for new sessions or review archived session videos:

<http://www.mathewsdinsdale.com> (see right side)

Webinar : A SPOTLIGHT ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT: Best Practices for Employers in the age of #MeToo

Thursday September 20, 2018 - 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Webinar : AODA: A FOCUS ON EMPLOYMENT

Wednesday September 26, 2018 9:00 am – 10:30 am

If you have any questions, please call me at 519-671-5930.

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