

# Did You Know?

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## SAVE THE DATE!

### MCA Toronto Annual General Meeting

The Mechanical Contractors Association of Toronto will host its 60<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting September 8 to 10, 2023, at the Blue Mountain Resort in Collingwood, ON.

The AGM is an important event on MCA Toronto's calendar as it is the event of the year when the association reflects on its achievements, divulges future plans and engages with the membership.

For more information or to register, please visit the [MCA Toronto web site](https://www.mcatoronto.org). 



### Upcoming MCA Toronto Educational Courses

MCA Toronto will be offering the following educational courses this fall:

- **Project Management Course** - September – December 2023
- **Mechanical Foreperson** - September–December 2023
- **Plumbing 101** - September–December 2023
- **Art of Construction Management** - September–December 2023



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## ECONOMIC UPDATE



### Construction Investment Rises Moderately in Q2

Total ICI investment in building construction increased by 2.1 per cent from April to May 2023 (\$2.42 to \$2.47 billion). Commercial building investment increased 1.4 per cent (\$1.35 to \$1.36 billion); industrial investment grew 1.6 per cent (\$566 to \$575.1 million); and industrial investment rose 4.5 per cent (\$505.8 to \$528.6 million).

Both commercial and industrial building investment continued to climb past record highs when measured in current dollars (unadjusted for seasonality). However, as with April's data release, numbers were still shy of record highs when accounting for inflation. In construction 2012 dollars, May 2023 commercial building investment (\$837.8

million) was higher than previous months, all the way back to January 2022 (\$840.9 million). However, this was lower than most investment numbers from 2021 and well below the record high of \$1 billion from August 2020. Industrial building construction investment (\$333.4 million) was the highest since December 2019 (\$336.9 million) and inched closer to the record high of \$348.8 million from September 2018.

Compared to the same time last year, total investment in ICI building construction was up 17.5 per cent, with the industrial sector experiencing the largest percentage change (39.1 per cent).

*For more information, [click here](#).*

### Health Canada Publishes Amendments to Hazardous Products Regulations

On January 24, 2023, Health Canada published amendments to the Hazardous Products Regulations (HPR). These amendments reflect changes to WHMIS. There is a three-year transition period, which gives suppliers, employers and workers time to adjust

to the changes. The transition period ends on December 14, 2025. The amendments include the following:

- Improved clarity and precision for certain provisions;

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## MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO (MCAT)

The Mechanical Contractors Association of Toronto (MCAT) is the leader of the mechanical industrial, commercial and institutional sectors. The mission of MCAT is to promote professionalism, cost-effectiveness, safety and productivity of mechanical services through education, labour relations, public relations and government affairs.

# MCA Toronto SAFETY e-newsletter



The MCA Toronto Safety Committee is pleased to announce its SAFETY e-newsletter has received a fresh, new look. Designed to provide informative and relevant health and safety information to MCA Toronto members, the Safety Committee has a vision of providing awareness, education and training, creating positive work environments with reduced risk, and a mission to improve the health and safety of all members. [Click here](#) to view past issues. 📧

## New Data Now Available on Collective Bargaining Ontario

The Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training & Skills Development has released three new, interactive reports on [Collective Bargaining Ontario](#). A first in Canada, the interactive reports contain data extracted from [publicly available](#) collective agreements and interest arbitration awards.

This new data can be used during collective bargaining to help inform evidence-based decision-making at the bargaining table.

The first three interactive reports contain

the following provisions:

- Cost-of-living adjustments and lump sum payments;
- Diversity, equity, inclusion and anti-racism;
- Discrimination, harassment and coercion.

The Ministry will be holding information sessions on the new reports, and more interactive reports will be released in the coming months. [See the reports | Register for an information session.](#) 📧

## Free Naloxone Awareness Training

Employers required to provide naloxone kits in their workplaces must ensure that the worker responsible for the kit has received training.

The free, 30-minute e-Learning program, offered by Workplace Safety & Prevention Services (WSPS), provides participants with knowledge to recognize an opioid overdose, to

administer naloxone and to become acquainted with any hazards related to the administration of naloxone. The training includes a discussion on opioid related deaths, overdose and addiction.

As of June 1, 2023, employers are required to provide naloxone in the workplace if certain circumstances apply.

For more information, [click here.](#) 📧

## MCA Toronto Hits the Links

The Mechanical Contractors Association of Toronto hit the links on June 15 to enjoy a day of friendly competition and business banter. Held at the Nobleton Lakes

Golf Club, close to 130 golfers were in attendance to enjoy the opportunity to be out on the links and networking with peers face-to-face. A great day was had by all. 📧



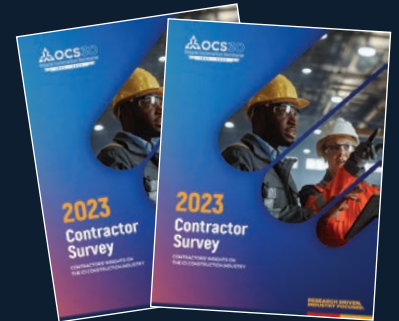
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- New information elements required on safety data sheets;
- Adoption of a new physical hazard class (Chemicals Under Pressure); and,
- Adoption of a new hazard category for non-flammable aerosols and new sub-categories for flammable gases.

To learn more about what these amendments are, [click here.](#) 📧

## 2023 Contractor Survey Released



For the past 17 years, the Ontario Construction Secretariat's (OCS) *Contractor Survey* has captured the industry's business outlook for the coming year, while monitoring critical issues affecting the industry. The past three years have presented a number of challenges for Ontario's construction industry, from temporary business closures, to enhanced health and sanitation standards, to supply chain disruptions. How have contractors fared?

The 2023 Contractor Survey was released as part of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual State of the Industry and Outlook Conference held earlier this year.

To download the survey, [click here.](#) 📧

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Your input is greatly valued! If you have any questions, suggestions, comments or concerns regarding the **Did You Know?** newsletter, please email [bertuzzi@mcatoronto.org](mailto:bertuzzi@mcatoronto.org).