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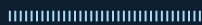
INDUSTRY EVENT

MCA Toronto to Host 33rd Annual Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars! The Mechanical Contractors Association of Toronto is excited to announce that the 33rd Annual Golf Tournament will take place on **Tuesday, June 17**, at the prestigious Wyndance Golf Club, in Uxbridge.

This highly anticipated event is a fantastic opportunity to enjoy a day of golf, networking, and camaraderie with fellow industry professionals in a picturesque setting. Whether you're an avid golfer or just looking to connect with peers, this tournament promises a memorable experience.

Registration details will be available in April, so be sure to keep an eye on your inbox for updates. Spaces fill up quickly—don't miss your chance to participate in this industry event. ☺



Changes to WSIAT Website Announced

The Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal (WSIAT) recently announced three additions to its website to facilitate accessibility and ease of use.

In addition to including a new interactive guide to outline each step of the

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MCA Toronto Student Chapter Attends National Student Chapter Summit



Students from across Canada converged on Niagara-on-the-Lake for the Mechanical Contractors Association of Canada (MCAC) Annual Student Chapter Summit which took place January 16 to 18. Among those in attendance were emerging leaders in the trade representing MCA Toronto's Student Chapter at Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU).

This year's event included guided tours of the Niagara Wastewater Treatment Plant and the decommissioned Niagara Parks Power Station, providing attendees with a firsthand look at innovative engineering solutions and historical infrastructure. These tours offered valuable insights into the practical applications of their studies and the evolving technologies shaping the industry.

In addition to the tours, students explored career opportunities and discussed technological advancements within the mechanical contracting sector. A highlight of the event was a collaborative mini-competition, where students worked in teams to solve industry-re-

lated challenges, fostering creativity and teamwork.

Student chapters, like the one at TMU, provide vital partnerships between the Mechanical Contractors Association and local post-secondary institutions. These chapters aim to showcase the mechanical contracting industry to students, often targeting those in mechanical engineering, technology, or construction management programs. Many chapters also include members from related fields, such as civil engineering, broadening the scope of collaboration and learning.

The annual summit not only highlights the future of the mechanical contracting industry but also serves as a valuable networking opportunity, bringing together like-minded students eager to make an impact. By participating in events like these, MCA Toronto's Student Chapter continues to inspire and prepare the next generation of professionals.

To learn about the MCA Toronto Student Chapter, please click here. ☺

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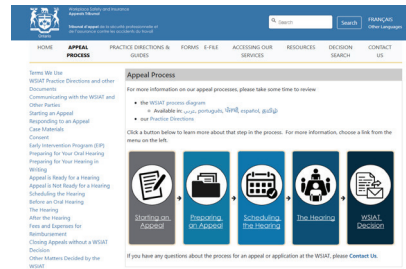
The Mechanical Contractors Association of Toronto (MCAT) is the leader of the mechanical industrial, commercial and institutional sectors. The mission of MCAT is to promote professionalism, cost-effectiveness, safety and productivity of mechanical services through education, labour relations, public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

Changes to WSIAT Website Announced

appeal process, there is now a one question survey at the bottom of each page. This survey allows users to tell WSIAT if they have difficulty navigating the website and highlight areas where the organization can improve.

The WSIAT Process Diagram and Hearing Checklist for Self-Represented Parties documents have also been translated into Arabic, Portuguese, Punjabi, Spanish and Tamil, and are now available on the WSIAT website.

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



2025 Industry Luncheon A Success!

On January 22, 2025, the Mechanical Contractors Association of Toronto (MCAT) held its Annual Industry Luncheon at the elegant Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall in Markham, ON. With 175 industry representatives and special guests in attendance, the event once again proved to be a popular success.

The luncheon provides an excellent platform for networking and reconnecting, allowing attendees to catch up on current industry trends and developments. From business leaders to emerging professionals, the event showcased the collaborative spirit that drives the community forward.

The Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall provided a perfect backdrop for the day, offer-



ing a welcoming atmosphere that encouraged meaningful discussions and camaraderie. Guests enjoyed a delicious meal and lively conversations, leaving the event feeling inspired and connected.

As always, the Annual Industry Luncheon served as a reminder of the importance of community and innovation in the mechanical contracting sector. With so many industry leaders and professionals coming together, it was a memorable day that left attendees looking forward to next year's event. 🍷

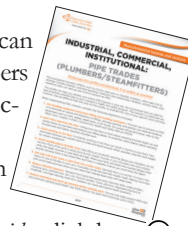
New IHSA Guide to Assist Pipe Trade Workers

Musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs), such as chronic back pain or shoulder problems, often take time to develop. Forceful exertion, awkward positions, hand-arm and whole-body vibration, contact stress, and repetitive tasks can add up over time to produce an MSD.

A new guide from the Infrastructure Health

& Safety Association (IHSA) can help pipe trade workers (plumbers and steamfitters) in the ICI sector identify musculoskeletal hazards in their job, and learn how to control them.

To obtain a copy of the new guide, [click here](#). 📖



Bank of Montreal Poll: 63% Fear Recession, 48% Expect Economic Decline

As tariff threats loom, a new Bank of Montreal survey finds 63 per cent of Canadians expressed concerns about the potential for a recession in the next 12 months. The online poll also found 48 per cent of those surveyed believed the economy will weaken over the next year, while 19 per cent expect it to improve.

Rising prices and the cost of living continue to be top concerns for Canadians, the survey said.

More than two-thirds of respondents said inflation is having a negative impact on

their current financial situation. According to the survey 44 per cent of respondents said they were spending an extra \$100 to \$300 per month on basic living expenses, while 38 per cent reported spending more than \$300 extra every month. Additionally, 61 per cent of Canadian respondents said inflation is currently high and they fear prices will continue to rise.

The online survey of 1,500 adult Canadians was conducted by Pollara from November 8 to 18, 2024.

To read the full article, [click here](#). 📖

Calendar of Events

MCA Toronto will be offering the following education and certification sessions this spring:

- **Art of Construction Management – February 14 & 21**, MCA Toronto Classroom – Noon to 3 p.m. [Click here](#) for more information.
- **Working at Heights Refresher – February 28**, MCA Toronto Classroom – 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. [Click here](#) for more information.
- **Project Management Certificate Course – March 7 to May 2** (Occurs virtually for consecutive Fridays - except April 18 for observance of Good Friday), Noon to 2 p.m. [Click here](#) for more information.
- **MCA Toronto Estimating 101 – April 1 to May 27**, MCA Toronto Classroom – 6 to 9 p.m. (Occurs for consecutive Tuesdays). [Click here](#) for more information.
- **Microsoft Project Training – May 2 to 23, 2025 – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** (Occurs virtually for four consecutive Fridays). [Click here](#) for more information.
- **Introduction to Construction – May 23, 30 & June 6, 2025 – 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** (Occurs virtually for three consecutive Fridays). [Click here](#) for more information.

MCA Toronto Committee Appreciation Event

MCA Toronto will host its **Committee Appreciation Event** on **Tuesday, May 20**, at the Rogers Centre in Toronto to cheer on the Toronto Blue Jays as they take on the San Diego Padres.

This annual event recognizes and celebrates the hard work and dedication of the committee members who contribute so much to the success of our association.

More information, including registration details, will be available soon—stay tuned!

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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.