

**MARCH 3 @ 1 PM ET**

Conference &amp; Golf Registration Opens

June 2 - 4, 2026 / Halifax Convention Centre / Halifax, NS

**This Week's Top Story | February 27, 2026****EFC on Parliament Hill: Championing Canada's Grid Modernization**

Member leaders from across the country gathered in Ottawa for our 2026 Hill Day to advance Canada's grid modernization agenda and reinforce the critical role of our industry in the country's electricity transition. Building on the foundation of our [Make the Switch](#) advocacy platform, this year's engagement was strengthened by new, evidence-based insights from EFC's national report, Building Canada's Future Electricity Grid: A Supply Chain and Policy Roadmap, which helped shape our discussions and recommendations on the Hill.

The research confirms that Canada's electricity system is entering a period of historic transformation, with demand projected to grow significantly by 2050 and requiring expansion, modernization, and sustained investment in grid infrastructure. It also reinforces that while technology readiness is high, deployment barriers remain the primary constraint, underscoring the need for coordinated policy action to unlock progress.

Over two days of meetings and a well-attended parliamentary reception, we engaged Members of Parliament, Senators, and senior officials to elevate the role of Canada's electrical and automation industry in powering economic growth, energy security, and net-zero goals. By bringing forward practical, research-backed solutions to strengthen domestic supply chains and remove regulatory barriers, our members demonstrated that the industry is ready to help Canada build a modern, resilient, and affordable electricity system.

We look forward to continuing this important conversation at our Annual Industry Conference in June 2026, where we will present key findings from the study and explore what they mean for our members and Canada's path forward.

**Industry News***EFC's Industry Conference*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Conference Registration, Golf, and Hotel Room Blocks (Within Walking Distance to the Conference Centre) Opens March 3, 2026, at 1 PM Eastern Time.** You will receive a dedicated email with the registration link in your inbox at 12 PM on March 3 with the link going live 1 PM ET. Full program details and conference agenda will be released when registration opens. [Learn more](#)

**NEARLY SOLD OUT: Reserve Your 2026 Conference Head Office Meeting Space** – Head Office Meeting Room reservations for the EFC Annual Industry Conference in Halifax are now open. Please note there are five rooms remaining located throughout the Halifax Convention Centre. These spaces provide a convenient and professional setting to host your company's Head Office meetings during the event. [Learn more and reserve your head office space](#)

**REMINDER: Now Accepting Nominations | EFC Annual Industry Awards** – EFC members are invited to submit nominations for the following awards: CEMRA Person of the Year Award and the Industry Recognition Award (IRA). The deadline for submissions is March 31, and recipients will be honoured at the 2026 Industry Conference Awards Gala in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Learn more about EFC's award categories and criteria, and submit a nomination [here](#)

*EFC's Tariff Hub*

**Supreme Court Ruling on IEEPA Tariffs: What It Means for EFC Members** – The recent Supreme Court decision regarding the use of tariffs under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) marks an important development in U.S.–Canada trade relations. While the ruling provides greater clarity on the scope of presidential tariff authority under IEEPA, it does not eliminate trade uncertainty for our industry. [Read more](#) to learn about the decision and EFC's ongoing advocacy.

**LAST CALL: Seeking Stories for International Women's Day 2026** – In celebration of International Women's Day on March 8, we invite you to share how your organization champions equity and inclusion in the workplace. When women thrive, we all rise. In this spirit, we want to share your stories, events, or plans for IWD! Please send your submissions to Dennis Potharst at [dpotharst@electrofed.com](mailto:dpotharst@electrofed.com) for inclusion in the March 6 edition of InfoElectro. Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, March 3, 2026.

**LAST CALL: Ontario Gala Is Next Week! | March 6** – The Ontario Bowties & Bubbly Gala at the Hilton Markham Suites Hotel & Spa is one week away! To date, close to 300 industry leaders and guests will be enjoying a champagne reception, 4 course chef inspired dinner, casino tables, dancing and entertainment. This annual gala is one not to be missed, especially this year, as 3 Ontario Chairs will conclude their 2 year term and 3 new leaderships chairs will be announced. This is your opportunity to be a part of the celebrations. [Register now](#) | [See which companies are attending](#)

**YPN Atlantic GATHER St. John's Hockey Game | March 20** – Join Atlantic YPNs for an evening of hockey as the Newfoundland Regiment take on the Halifax Mooseheads at Mary Brown's Centre in St. John's, NL! Registration includes food, complimentary beverage ticket, and game ticket. [Register now](#)

**NEW: Atlantic Women's Network Workshop with Melissa Pike | March 26** – The Atlantic Women's Network Committee invites you to attend an in-person workshop entitled "Mindset in Motion: Transition, Change, and Resilience" on March 26 at Wesco's Dartmouth, NS branch. The session will be led by ICF Certified Coach Melissa Pike. A Q&A session will follow. The event includes light refreshments and snacks. Complimentary registration. To learn more, or to register, [click here](#)

**SAVE THE DATE: YPN Quebec GATHER Activity | April 25** – The Quebec YPN Committee is excited to host a GATHER activity of multiple sports at the Ministry of Cricket in Montréal. Stay tuned for registration details next week!

**RECAP: 5<sup>th</sup> Edition of Atlantic Curling Funspiel a Sweeping Success** – It was game on at the Truro Curling Club in Truro, NS on February 18 as EFC members curled and swept their way to a great day on the ice—all while supporting a good cause. With a new venue, a refreshed committee, and a worthy charity at the heart of the annual Atlantic Curling Funspiel, this year's edition retained the camaraderie, fun, and the spirit of friendly competition that the event is known for. [Read more](#) | [View the photo gallery](#)

**OEN Networking Luncheon with Carolyn Calwell | March 2** – Online registration is now open for the March 2, 2026 OEN Networking Luncheon, featuring special guest speaker Carolyn Calwell, CEO of the Ontario Energy Board. This event will be held in the Harbour Ballroom at the Westin Harbour Castle in Toronto. [Register now](#)

**Invitation from Habitat for Humanity Canada: Advancing Gender Equity in Housing | March 4** – EFC supports Habitat for Humanity as its charity of choice because access to safe, affordable housing is essential to building stronger communities and advancing equity.

To mark International Women's Day, we're pleased to share an invitation from Habitat for Humanity Canada to attend Advancing Gender Equity in Housing, a virtual event on Wednesday, March 4, from 1–2 PM Eastern Time. The session will highlight how housing stability supports women's economic security, skills development, and long-term independence in Canada and globally, featuring Habitat leaders and women whose lives have been impacted through Habitat programs. The event is open to all employees of EFC members. Click [here](#) to save your spot!

**OmniCable Announces New Agent Agreement with Kunz Powell and Associates** – [Read more](#)

**Intralec Appoints Trevor Doherty to Sales Manager** – [Read more](#)

**HELUKABEL Becomes HELU** – [Press release](#)

**EB Horsman & Son Expansion in Alberta: New Grande Prairie Branch Opening 2026** – [Read more](#)

**Electric Mobility Canada (EMC) Statement on Canada–Germany Joint Declaration** – [View the LinkedIn post](#)

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**A Timely Reminder: Overtime Compliance | e2r®** – In the recent case of [614128 Ontario Ltd. v. Kevin Kinzett and Director of Employment Standard, 2026](#) ("614128 Ontario Ltd. v. Kinzett"), the Ontario Labour Relations Board ("OLRB") has, again, reinforced the importance of proper overtime classification and payroll compliance under the Employment Standards Act, 2000 ("ESA"). [Read more](#)