

**This Week's Top Story | March 27, 2026****Tackling Unsafe Electrical Products Sold Online: Key Outcomes from the National Workshop Agreement**

The rapid growth of e-commerce has transformed how Canadians purchase electrical products, but it has also introduced new safety risks. EFC members have been raising concerns for several years about the increasing availability of unsafe and unapproved electrical products sold online, often without clear evidence of certification or compliance with Canadian requirements.

To address this growing issue, EFC staff participated in a National Workshop Agreement (NWA) led by CSA Group, in collaboration with the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) and the Canadian Advisory Council on Electrical Safety (CACES). The resulting report, *Online Sales of Unapproved Consumer Electrical Products in Canada* (January 2026), captures what was heard from regulators, retailers, online marketplaces, and industry stakeholders across the country.

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**Industry News**

**EFC Welcomes New Distributor Member: Deep Electrical Supply** – [Read more](#)

**Carol McGlogan to Retire at End of 2026 | Executive Recruitment Launched for New President & CEO** – Carol McGlogan has advised the Board of her intention to retire as President & CEO of Electro-Federation Canada at the end of 2026. As part of this planned transition, EFC has launched a search for its next President & CEO. This proactive step reflects our commitment to a thoughtful and seamless leadership transition, with Carol continuing in her role through the end of her tenure. Reflecting on her time with EFC, Carol shared, "Serving as EFC President has been a true highlight of my career. My time with EFC has significantly broadened and deepened my industry relationships and knowledge. It has been a pleasure to represent our membership during a time of electrification amid shifting trade dynamics. I will look back on this experience with great pride and appreciation." We are sharing this update as the public job posting launches to ensure clarity for our members. Further updates will be provided as the process progresses. Members are encouraged to share the opportunity within their networks or apply directly: <https://boyden.thriveapp.ly/job/3200>

*EFC's Industry Conference*

**WaveMakers: Where Disruption Meets Direction | Early Bird Rate Ends March 31** – Time is running out to save on this year's Annual Industry Conference. Join nearly 600 industry leaders and forward thinkers already registered as we explore the forces reshaping our sector and turn bold ideas into clear action. Don't miss your chance to connect with the changemakers shaping our industry. [Learn more and register today to secure your spot at the early bird rate](#)

**LAST CALL: Submit Your Nomination for EFC's Annual Industry Awards** – Don't miss your chance to recognize those strengthening Canada's electrical industry. Nominations close March 31 for the CEMRA Person of the Year Award and the Industry Recognition Award (IRA). [Review the award criteria and submit your nomination today.](#)

**LAST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial MEET Innovation Awards** – MEET is pleased to present the 8<sup>th</sup> biennial 'MEET Innovation Awards' as part of the 2026 edition of the show. Help us recognize and showcase innovative products in the industry! Deadline for submissions is Tuesday, March 31. [Click here](#) to make your nomination. Winners will be announced the week of April 27 on social media and awards will be presented at the MEET Show on May 6. [Learn more about MEET](#)

**Ontario Women's Network: Happiness Is More Than a Mood Webinar | April 16** – Join Andrea Seydel, Author, Speaker, & Positive Psychology Educator for this engaging virtual session on the science of well-being, resilience, and thriving at work. Gain practical tools to boost mental health, energy, and performance. This complimentary session is open to all EFC members. Don't miss out - reserve your spot today! [Register Now](#)

**Quebec YPN GATHER Activity | April 25** – Quebec's RJP committee invites all EFC members from the Quebec region to a networking event featuring a variety of sports at the Ministry of Cricket in Montreal. On the program: bubble soccer, archery, ping-pong, dodgeball, a cricket batting cage, and an inflatable obstacle course for younger children! [Click here](#) to register.

**Quebec Women's Network Presents The Ferron Sisters + Lean In Activity | May 14** – The Quebec Women's Network committee invites you to an enriching and welcoming day, beginning with a presentation by the Ferron Sisters, followed by a full cocktail reception with refreshing beverages, and concluding with our popular Lean In group discussion activity. [Register now](#)

**RECAP: YPN Atlantic GATHER St. John's** – Atlantic YPNs enjoyed an evening of hockey on March 20 as the hometown Newfoundland Regiment battled the Halifax Mooseheads at the Mary BROWN's Centre in St. John's, NL. The home side won by a score of 6-1, and are headed to the 2026 QMJHL playoffs. This was the first YPN event in St. John's since 2024, and we are already looking forward to hosting future events in the region! Thank you to all who attended, with special thanks to food and beverage sponsor Southwire for their support of this event! [View the LinkedIn post](#)

**Munden Enterprises Announces Strategic Partnership with Kohler Generators** – [View the LinkedIn post](#)

**Intralec Welcomes Darryl Sinanan as New Inside Sales Representative** – [Read more](#)

**Electric Avenue Welcomes Claire Whitters as Marketing Coordinator** – [Read more](#)

**Leviton Canada Announces Several Appointments** – [Ryan Lee](#) | [Trisha Hum](#) | [Fanny Garcia](#) | [Marie-Pierre Hallage](#) | [Nazih Roumanos](#)

**Rexel's WiRE (Women in Rexel) Organizes National Campaign to Support Women's Charities** – Coinciding with International Women's Day, Rexel's WiRE global women's network launched a national donation campaign on March 6 to collect essential items to support women and families in communities across Canada. These items include personal hygiene products, diapers, clothing and non-perishable food. The campaign runs until March 31. For more information, see the [campaign poster](#).

**Gescan and George Gordon Developments Strengthen Community Impact in Saskatchewan** – [Read more](#)

**Electric Avenue Launches Incentive Program for EV Charging Installers** – [Read more](#)

**SME Funding for International Expansion** – The CanExport SMEs (small and medium-sized enterprises) program offers competitive funding to help eligible Canadian small and medium-sized enterprises expand into new international markets. Successful projects may receive up to \$50,000 in funding for international business development activities. Review [what's changed this year](#) before applying. Deadline to apply is May 29, 2026. [Learn more](#)

*Habitat for Humanity*

**You're invited! 19 Dawson Avenue Groundbreaking Celebration | April 29** – Please join us on Wednesday, April 29, from 10 AM to 12 PM, as Habitat for Humanity Hamilton celebrates the groundbreaking of our Dawson Avenue Home Build in Stoney Creek. Thanks in part to EFC members' generous support of our national Sustainability Program and Youth Skills Building program, this exciting development will be the largest build in Habitat Hamilton's 35-year history, delivering 10 new homes for local families. Designed with advanced energy-efficient features, these homes will also be the most energy-efficient homes we have ever built. Come celebrate this important milestone as we mark the beginning of construction and the next chapter of affordable housing in our community where you will hear remarks from Habitat Hamilton leaders, key supporters of the build, and elected officials; learn more about the Dawson Avenue build and the families it will serve; and celebrate the start of construction on this exciting new project. This build has been years in the making and represents a major step forward in addressing the need for safe, affordable housing in Hamilton. We would be honoured to have you join us as we break ground on this important project. To RSVP, [click here](#)

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**Respectful Workplace and the Importance of Policies** – A recent case out of Nova Scotia highlights the ability to terminate a long service employee, as well as the importance of progressive discipline where the employee has engaged in wilful misconduct, as well as the importance of well drafted policies. [Read more](#)