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This Week's Top Story | May 15, 2026

# Ontario Hill Day



## EFC Meets with Ontario Government to Advance Grid Modernization and Supply Chain Priorities

This week, Electro-Federation Canada (EFC) continued its engagement with the Government of Ontario to advocate for policies that support electricity grid modernization, supply chain resilience, and long-term investment in Canada's electrical and automation industry.

Through a series of meetings with provincial officials, EFC reinforced the critical role the industry plays in enabling electrification, economic growth, infrastructure expansion, and energy reliability as Ontario prepares for significant growth in electricity demand over the coming decades.

Discussions included:

- Engagement with Associate Minister Sam Oosterhoff
- Meetings with the Premier's Office and Minister of Energy & Electrification
- Transformer industry supply chain priorities and grid modernization challenges

[Learn more](#) about the meetings, member participation and key industry priorities shaping Ontario's energy future.

## Industry News

**RECAP: Record Attendance Marks Strong Return for MEET 2026** – The Mechanical Electrical Electronic Technology (MEET) show saw a powerful return to Moncton, NB on May 6-7, setting a new attendance record with 7,532 participants attending the two-day event. The biennial event, now in its 26th edition, is touted as the premier industry trade show in the region featuring the latest equipment, cutting-edge technology, informative seminars, and industry networking opportunities. [Read more](#) | [View the LinkedIn post](#)

*EFC Industry Conference*

**What Does it Mean to Lead Through Change in Today's Electrical Industry?** The EFC Annual Industry Conference brings together the people, ideas, and conversations shaping what's next for the industry. Get a preview from keynote speaker Rudyard Griffiths as he shares what attendees can expect from his session. [Watch the video](#)

**Special Atlantic Canada Conference Offer** – New attendees from Atlantic Canada are eligible for discounted Day Passes to experience the conference. Whether you're looking to expand your network, gain valuable industry insights and fresh perspectives, or explore how EFC supports your business, this is a great opportunity to attend for the first time. Optional add-ons include the Industry Awards Gala Dinner (\$250) and CEMRA Night (\$225). For details or access, contact the Events Team at [events@electrofed.com](mailto:events@electrofed.com) by May 22.

**2026 Canada Day Closing Survey Results** – Nearly 70 EFC member companies participated in this year's Canada Day closing survey. Based on the survey responses, 83% of members will observe the Canada Day holiday on Wednesday, July 1, while 14% will close on Friday, July 3, and 3% will close on Monday, June 29. To view the full results, [click here](#)

**Atlantic Canada's Energy Resources: Pathways to Prosperity Through Regional Collaboration** – [Read the Sussex update](#)

**NEW: Sponsorships Now Open for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Atlantic Golf Tournament | August 6** – If you are an existing sponsor of the Atlantic Golf Tournament, you will receive an email on Friday, May 15 to recommit your sponsorship for the 2026 tournament. Please note this is open to existing sponsors only, and general member registration for the tournament will open on May 22. For any questions or inquiries, please contact [Dennis Potharst](#)

**National YPN Day Quebec | June 10** – Quebec's YPN committee invites you to celebrate young professionals with a day of guest speakers, donations to the Quebec Diversity and Equity scholarship, and industry networking. The day will include three speakers, lunch, a professional business photo service and more. This event is exclusively for YPN members (40 and under) [Register now](#)

**2026 Ontario Region Golf Tournament | June 16** – EFC's Ontario Region is thrilled to invite you to our Annual Golf Tournament on June 16 at the beautiful Nobleton Lakes Golf Club. Spend the day networking with industry peers, and having friendly competition on the fairways. Whether you're swinging to finish on top or simply out to enjoy a great day of golf, this is an event you won't want to miss! Spaces are limited – secure your spot today! [Register now](#)

**SAVE THE DATE: National YPN Day Atlantic | June 18** – The YPN Atlantic committee is pleased to be hosting a dragon boat racing clinic to recognize National YPN Day. Participants will get an intro lesson into paddling technique and water safety from staff at Dragon Boat East before heading out on Lake Banook in Dartmouth, NS to show off their skills. Following the event, refreshments and food will be served. Proceeds from the event will be directed to the local SPCA, the region's selected GIVE charity. Stay tuned for registration details next week!

**Cascadia Sales Expands Eaton Representation in BC** – [View the LinkedIn post](#)

**Miguel Salinas Joins Rexel Energy Solutions as New National Business Development Manager, Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)** – [View the LinkedIn post](#)

**Tony Nguyen Appointed General Manager for Westburne Ontario** – [View the LinkedIn post](#)

**DALS Lighting Promotes Kim Simas to Senior Buyer** – [View the LinkedIn post](#)

**Benoit Charbonneau Appointed Technical Specialist, Lighting Controls, Canada with Leviton** – [View the LinkedIn post](#)

**Intralec Honoured with Mersen's 2025 Canadian Rep of the Year Award** – [Read more](#)

**Mersen Honoured Independent Sales Agencies at Nemra26 Conference** – [Read more](#)

**Celebrating 40 Years of Roney Marketing in the Electrical Industry** – [Read more](#)

**Prime Minister Carney Announces Forthcoming National Electricity Strategy** – [Read more](#)

**Powering Canada Strong: A National Strategy for an Electrified Canadian Economy** – [Read more](#)

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