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Since its launch a decade ago, EFC's Young Professionals Network (YPN) has established a strong foundation for sustained growth, empowering national and regional committees to deliver meaningful initiatives that engage emerging leaders and attract new members to the network.

Throughout the year, YPN members participate in a wide range of national and regional programs and are becoming increasingly involved in EFC committees and networks. Most recently, the National YPN Committee hosted a Maritime-themed networking reception aboard the Harbour Queen during EFC's National Conference in Halifax, providing members with a unique opportunity to connect and build relationships. The committee is also planning a special member activity at EFC's upcoming Federation Cup Golf Tournament on August 19.

One of the network's signature annual events is National YPN Day, a coast-to-coast celebration held each June that recognizes the creativity, determination, and leadership of young professionals across Canada while advancing YPN's strategic pillars of GIVE and GATHER.

This year also marked an exciting milestone with the launch of the first-ever YPN Prairies event. The networking and information session brought together young professionals from across the region and laid the groundwork for future growth in Saskatchewan.

As we continue to expand YPN's presence in the Prairies, we are seeking volunteers to serve on our newly formed Saskatchewan YPN committee. Committee members will play an important role in planning, promoting, and organizing future events and campaigns throughout the region. If you are interested in getting involved, or would like to learn more, please contact [Dennis Potharst](#)

[Read more](#) about each region's National YPN Day activities.

## Industry News

**New Member Advocacy Toolkit** – As part of EFC's Make the Switch campaign and Unlocking Canada's Grid initiative, we are pleased to share a new Member Advocacy Toolkit designed to help amplify our industry's role in shaping Canada's energy future. [Learn more](#)

**Annual Federation Cup Golf Tournament | August 19** – Join industry colleagues on August 19, 2026, at Deer Creek Golf Course in Ajax, ON for the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Federation Cup Golf Tournament. Enjoy a day of networking, friendly competition, and celebration on the course. New this year, is a redesigned networking reception and dinner format. With only 288 spots available, registration is expected to fill quickly, so reserve your spot today. [Register now](#)

**Federation Cup Sponsorship Opportunities Available** – Showcase your company at one of the electrical industry's premier golf events and connect with key industry leaders throughout the day. Contact Nathalie Lajoie at [nlajoie@electrofed.com](mailto:nlajoie@electrofed.com) to explore a variety of sponsorship options.

**RECAP: Quebec Golf Tournament** – The Quebec Golf Tournament took place on June 15, bringing together 159 members for a memorable day of networking and camaraderie, in addition to the many dedicated volunteers and valued partners who helped make the event a success. Participants enjoyed beautiful weather throughout the day, creating the perfect backdrop for another successful and well-attended tournament. [View the LinkedIn post](#)

**RECAP: Ontario Hosts 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament at Nobleton Lakes Golf Club** – On June 16, the Ontario Region proudly hosted its 19th Annual Golf Tournament at Nobleton Lakes Golf Club, welcoming a record-breaking 216 golfers from across the province. [Read more](#) | [View the LinkedIn post](#)

**Giving Back Together: Support the Ontario YPN GIVE Food Drive Campaign** – YPN Ontario, in collaboration with the Ontario Region and the Women's Network Ontario Region, is proud to continue its annual GIVE Food Drive in support of Haven on the Queensway through the end of the year. Every donation helps provide essential food to individuals and families facing food insecurity in our communities. Join us in making a meaningful impact for those who need it most. [Read more](#) | [Donate now](#)

**In Memoriam: Raymond Beaulieu** – [View the tribute page](#)

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**Protecting Domestic Wire and Cable Manufacturing: The Case for a 'Northern Pledge'** – [Read the CEW article](#)

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**Why Manufacturers in the Aluminum Market Feel More Pressure Than Benchmark Prices Suggest** – Most organizations monitor aluminum through the LME. But for companies buying physical aluminum, that may no longer tell the full story. MetalMiner's latest analysis found that the U.S. Midwest Premium accounted for most of the increase in the all-in aluminum cost stack over the past year, putting additional pressure on budgets and margins beyond exchange movements alone. As contract renewals approach, understanding where aluminum exposure truly sits could shape everything. Read "[Why Manufacturers in the Aluminum Market Feel More Pressure Than Benchmark Prices Suggest](#)" to learn why executives should rethink how they measure aluminum costs.