

WAVE MAKERS**RECAP****KEY INSIGHTS. BIG IDEAS. WHAT'S NEXT FOR OUR INDUSTRY.**

Nearly 700 members of the Electro-Federation Canada community gathered in Halifax this week for EFC's 2026 Annual Industry Conference: WaveMakers: Where Disruption Meets Direction.

The conference featured keynote discussions on leadership, economics, innovation, technology, and public affairs, alongside EFC's Annual General Meeting and Industry Awards presentations.

A featured conference session also highlighted EFC's 2026 Research and advocacy initiative, Make the Switch: Unlock the Grid, exploring infrastructure, technology, and policy priorities supporting Canada's electrification future.

Industry Awards and Leadership Updates

EFC recognized outstanding organizations and individuals whose leadership continues to strengthen and advance the electrical industry.

Corporate Engagement Award Recipients

Manufacturers' Rep: **Agence Ricard**

Distributor: **Graybar Canada**

Manufacturer: **ABB**

CEMRA Person of the Year

Richard Urquhart, CSA Enterprises Ltd.

Industry Recognition Award

Kevin Mallory, Hubbell Canada (Retired)

Leadership transitions announced during the conference included:

- Luc Rodier, Guillevin – Past Chair
- Catherine McKeown, Hammond Power Solutions – New Chair

Stay tuned for next Friday's edition of InfoElectro for a full recap of WaveMakers 2026, including conference highlights, recap video, photo gallery, and member resources.

THANK YOU TO OUR CONFERENCE SPONSORS**Industry News**

Building Canada's Future Electricity Grid: 2026 Research Now Available – Developed in collaboration with Dunsky Energy + Climate Advisors, this report provides a comprehensive look at the technologies, supply chains, and policy considerations required to support Canada's transition to a net-zero electricity system. [Read the report](#) | [View EFC's 2026 Advocacy Campaign, Make the Switch: Unlocking the Grid](#)

Quebec Golf Tournament "Cocktail Reception Only" Launch | June 15 – General registration for the cocktail reception-only tickets of the Quebec Golf Tournament at Elm Ridge Golf Course is now open! This year, our golf committee is offering a one-hour golf lesson with a golf pro before the reception. Don't miss this opportunity! [Register now](#)

National YPN Day Ontario | June 25 – Join fellow Ontario YPNs for a special National YPN Day celebration at Woodbine Racetrack on June 25! Enjoy an exciting evening of networking, great food, and entertainment while connecting with fellow young professionals. [Learn more](#)

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](#)

Ontario Golf Tournament | June 16 – EFC's Ontario Region Golf Tournament is almost sold out, with 187 members already registered and just 29 spots remaining. Secure your foursome or individual spot today and join fellow industry professionals for a day of networking, connection, and competition on the course. [Register now](#)

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. [Register now](#)

EFC's Atlantic LobsterFest | June 23 – Join us at the iconic Shore Club in Hubbards, NS for another unforgettable edition of EFC's Atlantic LobsterFest. Enjoy a traditional East Coast lobster supper at a venue celebrated for its authentic maritime charm and hospitality. This annual event supports Atlantic YPN programming and brings together industry peers for an evening of great food, networking, and connection. We hope you can join us for a memorable East Coast experience. [Register now](#)

National YPN Day Saskatchewan | June 24 – To kick off our first event in the YPN Prairies, we are excited to host a networking and information session at Birmingham's Vodka and Ale House in Saskatoon, SK on June 24 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM (CST). The event is open to all EFC members in the region, and will be an opportunity for us to share more information about YPN and discuss the benefits of being part of the network. If you are in the area, we are looking forward to meeting you! Complimentary registration. Attendees receive one complimentary drink and appetizers. [Reserve your spot now](#). For questions, contact Dennis Potharst at dpotharst@electrofed.com

Atlantic Golf Tournament | August 6 – Thank you to EFC members for their incredible support of our 20th anniversary regional golf tournament as it is sold out! If you would like to be added to the waitlist, contact [Dennis Potharst](#). There are still some sponsorship opportunities available at various levels – remember, sponsorship gets your early access to register your team for next year's tournament. View the full list of opportunities [here](#)

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Ontario Restaurant Manager Fined \$15,000 for Falsified Records – A recent case out of Pembroke, Ontario is a reminder to all employers of the importance of cooperation and honesty when subject to a Ministry of Labour investigation – otherwise suffer the consequences! [Read more](#)