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This Week's Top Story | October 30, 2026



Cyber Security Awareness Month 2026: Building Resilience in Canada's Connected Electrical Industry

October is Cyber Security Awareness Month, and this year's Canadian theme, "Your best defence is you," offers a timely reminder: cyber resilience begins with people, but it depends on decisions made across the entire business.

For Canada's electrical and automation industry, a cyber incident can affect far more than an inbox or a computer. Connected equipment, distribution networks, and supplier relationships can all be part of the impact. Explore the evolving risks – from AI-enabled fraud to operational disruption – and practical steps businesses can take to strengthen resilience together.

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Industry News

EFC Government Relations

EFC Submits Recommendations on Bill C-39, the Building Canada Strong Act – EFC has made a submission to the parliamentary committee reviewing Bill C-39, which proposes faster federal project approvals, improved national trade corridors and reduced regulatory burdens. While supporting these reforms, EFC emphasizes that project acceleration must be matched by electrical infrastructure and supply-chain readiness. Its six recommendations focus on critical equipment availability, Canadian manufacturing investment, domestic-content incentives, electricity infrastructure planning and regulatory harmonization. Read more | Bill C-39 Full Submission

Parti Québécois Forms Minority Government with Energy Efficiency and Economic Competitiveness Priorities – Following Québec's provincial election, Premier Paul St-Pierre Plamondon unveiled a 23-member cabinet on October 21, with Stéphane Paquet appointed Minister of Economic Development, Innovation and Energy. The Parti Québécois plans to prioritize energy conservation, grid optimization and industrial decarbonization while reviewing electricity allocation and data centre policies. These priorities could influence investment in electrical infrastructure, automation, energy-management technologies and manufacturing. The government holds 60 of 127 legislative seats. Read more.

New Evidence Shows Tariffs Weakening Business Outlooks and Raising Costs – The Bank of Canada's October 19 Business Outlook Survey reports that evidence collected after Canada–U.S. talks broke down shows new U.S. tariffs and Canadian counter-tariffs weakening export and investment outlooks while increasing costs, prices and inflation expectations. Most headline survey responses preceded the escalation, so the overall improvement in quarterly sentiment needs that qualification. Read more

Workforce Retention and Retraining Program Launched to Help Employers Keep Their Workforce While Facing Economic Challenges – Read more

EFC Attended Electric Mobility Canada's EVVE Conference in Winnipeg – View the LinkedIn post

EFC Atlantic YPN and WN Members Collaborate to Help Make a Difference for Local Animals at Nova Scotia SPCA – View the LinkedIn post

NEW: EFC Atlantic Family Fun Day | November 21 – Join EFC members and their families for a day at the aquarium at the Beaty Centre for Marine Biodiversity in Halifax, NS! Dive into conservation, curiosity, and connection at Nova Scotia's newest ocean discovery destination. Family and individual rates available. Register now

LAST CALL: YPN Quebec Round Table | November 5 – Quebec's Young Professionals Network invites you to a panel discussion with four industry leaders on four different topics of relevance to industry members in a speed panel format. To learn more, or to register, click here

LAST CALL: Women's Network Atlantic Bowling Night | November 5 – It's that time of year again—for bowling! Join Atlantic Women's Network members on November 5 for an evening of bowling, networking, and fun at Bowlarama Bayers Road. We'll have three lanes reserved, along with snacks, refreshments, and plenty of opportunities to connect with fellow members. Register now

REMINDER: YPN Atlantic GATHER Moncton | November 12 – Join us at Magnetic Hill Winery for wine tasting, a guided tour and an evening of networking with fellow Atlantic YPNs. Learn how to taste wine like a pro, sample award-winning wines and explore the vineyards and production room. Discover how local grapes, fruits and maple syrup are used in winemaking. Then enjoy local meats, artisanal cheeses and a glass of your favourite wine before a round of "Thirsty Thursday Trivia." Register now

EFC Atlantic's "Panel Power Lunch" | November 19 – Join us for an informative and engaging panel discussion on smart building design and how it can be maximized under the latest CE Code changes. Our panel of experts, including Wissam Ghoussaini, ABB and Andrew Pottier, UL Solutions, will also examine the critical impact of energy management and how advanced technologies are driving greater efficiency, lowering costs, and shaping the future of sustainable building design. Registration includes lunch. Register now

Kevin Chau Joins Leviton - Certolux | Visioneering as Business Development Manager for the GTA – View the LinkedIn post

Leviton Canada Announces Alexane Tardif as New Graphic Designer – View the LinkedIn post