

Ontario College of Trades Appointments Council

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The Ontario government has appointed eight people to serve as the Appointments Council for the Ontario College of Trades.

During 2011 and 2012, this council will serve as the transitional board of governors, establish a framework for fees to support the college and develop a complaints, enforcement and discipline system to help the college govern its members.

The following individuals have been appointed to the council:

Rod Cameron, Chair

Prior to retiring, Rod Cameron was the dean of technology at Fanshawe College in London for five years. He previously served as dean of apprenticeship training and motive power technology and he also taught apprenticeship and college programs in motive power technology at the college. Mr. Cameron is a certified automotive service technician and during the 1970s was a partner in an automotive dealership in Simcoe. He was a member of the London Middlesex Oxford Local Training Board, the London Middlesex Immigrant Employment Council, and the Automotive/Transportation Service Superintendents' Association. A resident of London, Rod Cameron has been nominated to serve as chair of the Appointments Council for three years.

Sue Allen

Sue Allen is a professional tractor trailer operator, a certified fleet trainer and examiner, and a transportation specialist for film and television productions. Ms. Allen, an equity and diversity specialist, coordinated programs to encourage women to train in the skilled trades at Centennial College's School of Transportation in Toronto, and developed and implemented The Women's STOP (Skilled Trades Opportunities Program) at the College to recruit and train more women to apprentice in motive power trades. A resident of Scarborough, Ms. Allen has been nominated to serve on the Appointments Council for two years.

Patrick Dillon

Patrick Dillon is the business manager and secretary treasurer of the Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario. Mr. Dillon has also served as executive chairman of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and he is a member of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board. A certified electrician, Mr. Dillon is a director and past president of the Ontario Construction Secretariat and the Construction Safety Association. He is also a director

of the DeNovo Treatment Centre and the Corrections Canada Advisory Board. A resident of Hamilton, Mr. Dillon has been nominated to serve on the Appointments Council for three years.

Colin Heslop

Colin Heslop is the national director of the Skilled Trades Department for the Canadian Auto Workers. Mr. Heslop is an industrial electrician and a construction electrician with a Red Seal Certification. He serves on the apprenticeship committees for the Canadian Labour Congress and the Ontario Federation of Labour and is vice chair, board of directors, and co-chair, apprenticeship committee, for the Council for Automotive Human Resources. A resident of Dundas, Mr. Heslop has been nominated to serve on the Appointments Council for two years.

Hugh Laird

Hugh Laird is the executive director of the Interior Finishing Systems Training Centre. Mr. Laird is a certified boilermaker who has worked with Ontario government staff to develop training curriculum for two trades: exterior insulated finishing systems mechanic and hazardous materials worker. He is also a trustee for health, welfare and pension plans for Local 675 Drywall Acoustic Lathing and Installation, and Local 1891 of the International Brotherhood of Painters and Allied Trades. A resident of Aurora, Mr. Laird has been nominated to serve on the Appointments Council for three years.

Gail Smyth

As executive director of Skills Canada-Ontario, Gail Smyth is a leader in promoting careers in the skilled trades and technologies to young people in Ontario. She has served on the Minister of Education's Curriculum Council, the National Committee for Promotion of Careers in the Skilled Trades, and the Waterloo Business and Education Council. She was an advisor on co-op education to Conestoga College for robotics, woodworking, and food and beverage programs. A resident of Kitchener, Ms. Smyth has been nominated to serve on the Appointments Council for three years.

Allan West

Allan West is a vice president and director of the K.J. Beamish Group of Companies. Mr. West has been involved in estimating and project management of road work projects for more than 30 years. He is treasurer and secretary of the Coalition of Concerned Construction Employers and is a member of the Project Management Institute and through his company, the Ontario Road Builder's Association, the Ontario Hot Mix Producers Association and the Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association. In 1986, he worked with the Ontario Women's Directorate to introduce a program to encourage women to pursue careers in road building. A resident of Ajax, Mr. West has been nominated to serve on the Appointments Council for two years.

Norman Wolfson

Norman Wolfson is president of Lecours Wolfson Ltd, a recruitment firm servicing the North American foodservice and hospitality industry. Mr. Wolfson has been active in the industry since 1980. He is a member of the editorial advisory board for Foodservice & Hospitality

magazine and has served on the program advisory committee for the hotel management program at George Brown College in Toronto. Mr. Wolfson is also a member of the Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association and he served on the selection committee for the Ontario Hospitality Institute's Top 30 Under 30 Award from 2005 to 2009. A resident of Toronto, Mr. Wolfson has been nominated to serve on the Appointments Council for two years.

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