**MEMBER BULLETIN**

February 12th, 2019

**Important Notice: Certified Trades Must Pay 2019 License Fee to College of Trades**

Updating an earlier notice regarding the closure of the Ontario College of Trades (via Bill 47), annual licensing fee for all certified trades must still be paid to the College in 2019.

The College is going to be wound down in 2019, but the closure is not immediate. The enforcement functions of the College have been immediately returned to the Ministry of Labour, but the College is still functioning as a licencing body until this process can be returned to the Ministry of Training, colleges and Universities (MTCU) later in 2019.

Certified trades (e.g. crane operators; mechanics; drill rig operators; etc.) do still need to pay their annual licensing fees or risk having their license suspended. The College will accept these fees until MTCU re-takes over this function, which they held previous to the creation of the College. Beginning in 2020, this fee will be adjusted to meet the reduced costs of administering this fee.

If you have any questions or concerns with this the Ontario College of Trades closure, please contact Patrick McManus (905-629-7766 ext. 222 or patrick.mcmanus@oswca.org).