

# New Leadership Team Guides Construction Industry Consolidation

*“Mechanical Contractors Association Hamilton Niagara Board of Directors Unite To Strengthen Vision”*



MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION  
HAMILTON

(December 15, 2017 SOUTHERN ONTARIO) – Synergies unite; continuity strengthens, as industry colleagues deliver a cohesive vision. A new collaborative association between the Mechanical Contractors Association Hamilton and the Mechanical Contractors Niagara Inc. will reveal a new association name and logo in 2018!



*(Photo Front Row Left to Right):* Scott Wright, Gordon Wright Mechanical Ltd (Treasurer MCAN), Anthony DeChellis, E.S. Fox Ltd. (President MCAH), Lorraine Waller, Matrix North American Construction Ltd. (Director MCAH), Paul Shewfelt, Plan Group (Director MCAH)  
*(Back Row Left to Right):* Pat Cimek, E.S. Fox Ltd. (Transitional Director MCAN), Henry Hildebrandt, The State Group Inc. (Director MCAH), Greg Crawford, Lancaster Group Inc. (Vice-President MCAH), Jason Campbell, Aecon Industrial (Immediate Past President MCAH), Rico Leone, Procon Constructors Inc. (Director MCAN)

For several years, analytical discussions and observations led to establishing a 2017 Transition Team to determine feasibility and function. Governance protocols constituted a special Mechanical Contractors Association of Hamilton (MCAH) membership meeting, which supported the zone consolidation. Mechanical Contractors Niagara Inc. (MCAN) members sealed support at their Annual General Membership in late November. *“The Niagara Contractors are very pleased that the Hamilton Contractors voted to accept the association consolidation and are excited to move forward with this new consolidated association. As you know, there was a lot of hard work by both zones getting to this point. We believe that the consolidated association will better serve zones 8, 9 and 9A, improve communications with our union counterparts and streamline combined costs. Our nominated directors look forward to our introductory meeting.”* Pat Cimek, President, MCA Niagara.



The Mechanical Contractors Association Hamilton (MCAH) represents mechanical construction industry employers in the south central Ontario regions of Hamilton, Halton, Brant, Haldimand, and Norfolk. The

progressive decision to unite associations expands Hamilton’s management services to all Niagara region signatory contractors, members of MCAN. The 2017-18 board of director’s appointments also best represents the new collaboration.

As a not for profit organization, and an accredited bargaining agency founded in 1966 with the Ontario Labour Relations Board, the MCAH association is mandated to develop policies and programing to achieve: Innovative education offerings, to promote construction leadership excellence, establish community partnerships and to support economic development reinvestment that reinforce the construction industry’s highest standards for mechanical contractors, and their suppliers. Learn more by watching **Reaching New Heights – “Building Communities By Investing In People”** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X62dTT9\\_WKM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X62dTT9_WKM)



*“As a board we closely monitor our construction industry to identify regulatory changes in safety, apprentice training, technology, green design and build applications. Our priority is to ensure we are aligned with our industry partner UA Local 67 to safely and productively meet these challenges through training, establishing workable agreements, and maintaining the UA **Standard of Excellence**, while addressing the needs of the Canadian Construction market. Through long-term market analysis and the introduction of new research, we have revealed **Our Members Are 23% Safer”***

<http://unionizedconstructionworks.com/safety/>

**MCAH President, Anthony DeChellis**

The leadership of the board of directors governs the following association services:

- Education Programs and support through the Construction Education Council
- Training and Apprenticeship Programs
- Industry Supplier Associate Memberships
- Member Education Scholarships
- Support for the McMaster University Heavy Construction Chair and Student Chapter
- Government Liaison, Community Support and Economic Development Partnerships
- Member Social Networking Opportunities and Engagement

MCAH membership also provides valuable connections to Provincial, National and International associations through MCA Ontario, MCA Canada and MCA America.

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