



# Moving from Pain to Prevention: Taking Action to Prevent MSDs



## A Workers' Ergonomics Conference

Co-hosted by Ontario's only labour-endorsed, occupational health and safety organizations

## Conference Agenda

### Sunday, October 25, 2015

Registration – 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

#### Opening Plenary – 7:00 pm

(Reception with appetizers and cash bar to follow)

#### Welcome

Dave Killham, Executive Director, WHSC  
Michael Roche, Chief Executive Officer, OHCOW

#### Towards Renewed Action

In this opening session participants and panel discussion leaders will:

- ✓ shine a light on the significant social and economic costs of inaction on musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs); and
- ✓ exchange their concerns and objectives related to their prevention.

### Monday, October 26, 2015

Registration – 7:30 am to 9:00 am

Breakfast – 7:30 am to 9:00 am

#### Morning Plenary – 9:00 am to 9:30 am

##### Getting Started

Conference facilitators will summarize participant feedback shared during the opening session and review objectives for the day.

#### Morning Workshops – 9:30 am to noon

##### Behind the Pain

The number of MSDs remains unacceptably high. Participants and workshop facilitators will investigate the many reasons why this is the case, with an eye to identifying opportunities to make meaningful progress.

Lunch – noon to 1:00 pm

#### Afternoon Plenary – 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm

##### The Union Safety Effect

Sean Strickland, Chief Executive Officer, Ontario Construction Secretariat, will

- ✓ report on exciting, new research that demonstrates union construction workers in Ontario experience fewer lost-time injuries than their non-union counterparts;
- ✓ explore the key reasons behind this success; and
- ✓ reflect on how this kind of success can translate into action on MSD prevention.

#### Afternoon Workshops – 1:30 pm to 3:45 pm

##### Equipping for Renewed Action

Participant and workshop facilitators will

- ✓ review WHSC and OHCOW tools and resources for MSD prevention;
- ✓ brainstorm on what other tools and resources activists need; and
- ✓ build on discussions from the morning's workshops to develop strategies aimed at securing work that is fit to workers.

#### Closing Plenary – 3:45 pm to 4:30 pm

##### Organizing for Prevention

Participants and facilitators will share the day's experiences, insights gained, and the many ways to move ahead.

*On display throughout the conference*

***The Art of the Possible – Shared Stories of Success***  
*Profiles of local union achievements in the prevention of MSDs and reflections on what can be learned from them.*

**Note:** Conference registration includes reception, breakfast, lunch and coffee breaks. Sunday dinner is not provided.