



Safety and Health Week Symposium 2019

May 6, 2019 - 255 John Savage Ave, Dartmouth, NS

Registration starts at 8:30 am

Launch Ceremony Speakers

- Labour and Advanced Education
- Stuart MacLean, CEO, WCB, Nova Scotia
- And more....

Speakers

- John Hollohan
- David Chiasson
- Bridget Brownlow

Special Exhibits

- Labour & Advanced Education
- WCB Nova Scotia
- Threads of Life
- Safety Services NS
- NS Power
- Heritage Gas
- Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline
- Plus more...

We gratefully thank our sponsors and supporters:

- Labour and Advanced Education
- WCB, Nova Scotia
- Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal
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- Halifax Water Commission
- NSGEU
- Heritage Gas
- Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline
- Safety Services NS

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You can also connect with us on Facebook – Join our group: NAOSH Week – Nova Scotia

Welcome to Safety and Health Week

Join us for the launch of Safety and Health Week where we present a new opportunity to help you make a difference; to drive workplace injuries and deaths down toward the only acceptable number: ZERO

Program

- 8:30 Registration, Coffee & Vendor Booths
- 9:00 NSCC OHS Student Presentation
- 10:00 Registration, Coffee & Vendor Booths
- 10:30 Launch Ceremony
- 11:00 NS Labour and Advanced Education Updates
- 11:45 Lunch
- 12:45 Safety Forum

Launch Ceremony “People, Passion, Prevention”

This is the thought provoking theme of NAOSH Week 2019. Our dignitaries and guest speakers will challenge you to reflect on this during our opening launch ceremony.

Safety Forum - 12:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

A star lineup of expert speakers. See page 2 for a list of presentations.

Who should attend?

Senior leaders and board members; Managers; Supervisors; OHS Professionals; JOHSC members; and workers.

Cost to attend \$10 fee for admission

How to Register

1. If paying by credit card, contact: Safety Services Nova Scotia at 902-454-9621 or visit: <http://www.safetyservicesns.ca/naosh-week>
2. If paying by cheque, or require an invoice, contact: Valerie Wadman, 923 Robie Street, Halifax, NS, B3H 3C3, valerie.wadman@smu.ca, telephone 902-420-5658. Cheques payable to: **Nova Scotia Chapter – Canadian Society of Safety Engineering.**

Please visit our exhibitors' booths. Booths will close at 1:00 p.m.

Stay until the end of the last session to have your name entered for a draw for an **I-PAD**.

A Message from our Partners

Nova Scotia Chapter of the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering

“Each year, NAOSH Week offers us a time to reflect on what we do every day – both individually and collectively – to continually improve workplace health and safety. It’s an opportunity to reinforce and strengthen our commitment to reducing the impact of injury and illness in our workplaces, our homes and our communities. NAOSH Week inspires us toward excellence in our health and safety goals.”
Dennis Witcher, Chair, Nova Scotia Chapter

Western Nova Scotia Chapter of the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering

“We as a Chapter of dedicated people look forward to NAOSH Week each year as it allows us the opportunity to reflect on what we are accomplishing in our communities in regards to promoting and educating people on safety and health, not only in their workplaces, but also at home, on the highways and at play. Placing emphases on NAOSH Week allows each and every one of us an opportunity to promote the importance of focusing on safety and health within our communities. Let’s continue to work together and help reduce injuries and illness.” Kathy Betts, Chair, Western Nova Scotia Chapter

Special Note 1: Please contact Valerie Wadman with any dietary concerns at valerie.wadman@smu.ca

Special Note 2: Please help us maintain a healthy environment for everyone by not wearing scented products.

Safety Forum Sessions – Guest Speakers

NSCC OHS Student Presentation - Introducing NSCC's Two-Year OHS Diploma Students

This is the first year for the new two-year diploma program at NSCC! This year's junior class is excited to share their learning experiences with you. This year's opening presentation will include talks from NSCC-OHS students highlighting their previous work experience and learning to date. We're sure you'll find that next year's graduating class has a lot to offer. The future of OHS in Nova Scotia is in good hands!

NS Department of Labour and Advanced Education – Harold Carroll, OHS Director

Harold Carroll is the Executive Director, OHS Division, NS Department of Labour and Advanced Education. He is married with three children. He graduated in 1983 from the University of New Brunswick with a BSc in Resource Management. After four years in the private sector, he moved to the provincial government to work with the NS Department of Natural Resources in a variety of different operational and management positions. In June, 2010, he received the NS Federal Council Award, issued in recognition of the contributions towards interdepartmental and intergovernmental collaboration with respect to advancing Sable Island for designation as a national park. In June, 2014, he received the Premier's Award of Excellence for development of Parks and Protected Areas Plan that was released in 2013. In February, 2015, he moved into his current role, as Executive Director of the OHS Division. Harold will provide an update on recent activities and expectations for the coming year.

John Hollohan – “Safety Leadership: The Influence on Culture”

John Hollohan has worked in the industrial safety and health profession for more than 23 years. He is the Corporate Director of Safety with Emera, Inc. As a member of the senior management team, he is accountable for strategic safety leadership within Emera's diversified energy business throughout Canada, United States and the Caribbean. Mr. Hollohan holds degrees from Memorial University and Ryerson University as well as an Organizational Development certificate from Queens University. He holds the designation of Canadian Registered Safety Professional (CRSP), a nationally recognized safety designation. He resides in Halifax, NS, with his wife Karen and dog, Dudley, who both wish he did not travel so much for work.

“A positive safety culture is shaped by the leaders of an organization. At Emera, we are focused on building a culture where visible safety leadership is at the core of what we do. It is the enabling force which demonstrates that we care and sets the foundation for a strong safety culture across our business”.

David Chiasson – The new CSA Office Ergonomic Standard

Dave Chiasson - In 1996 Dave graduated from Dalhousie University with a Master of Science degree in Kinesiology with specialization in Ergonomics. He worked with The Province of Nova Scotia as an Ergonomist for five years before starting his own company, Ergonomic Systems Associates, in 2001. In 2002 he became a Board Certified Professional Ergonomist as awarded by the Board of Certification in Professional Ergonomics (BCPE). For the past 18 years Dave has been very fortunate to have worked with hundreds of private corporations and government customers throughout Canada. Along the way he has completed well over ten thousand office ergonomics assessments and workshops. Dave lives in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia.

The Canadian Standards Association (CSA) has developed a new standard for workplace ergonomics that clearly states that office ergonomics should be part of any Occupational Health and Safety Program. The standard recognizes that employee training in the use of their equipment is an important part of minimizing health risks. So, please attend this presentation that will highlight specific parts of the standard to let you know about what constitutes a proper task chair, a sit/stand workstation and finding the right balance of postural variety through the workday. Find out what the standard has to say about the use of multiple monitors, non-traditional workspaces such as vehicles and home offices as well as information on the use of mobile devices and laptops. While this standard is not legally mandatory, provincial OHS legislation places responsibility on employers for providing an environment that protects the health and safety of employees. Applying this standard will enhance user health, safety, and well-being and will provide guidelines for employers to optimize system performance in order to prevent occupational injuries and illnesses.

Bridget Brownlow – “Electronic Communication”

Bridget Brownlow is the Conflict Resolution Advisor for Saint Mary's University. She holds a Master's degree (History) and is a certified conflict resolution specialist with over 20 years of extensive experience in organizational conflict management. Her expertise is focused on delivering a wide range of appropriate dispute resolution services, training and education designed for students, faculty, staff and unions at all levels within the university. For the past fourteen years, Bridget has been the Senior Coordinator for an international conflict resolution initiative in Northern Ireland. This involves working directly with students, faculty and staff in the development and implementation of peace education programs in collaboration with Peaceful Schools International and Saint Mary's University. Bridget is currently the President of Peaceful Schools International and teaches part-time in the Department of Political Science, Department of Irish Studies as well as the Faculty of Education at Saint Mary's University.

There are many benefits associated with electronic communication, which is increasingly being used for personal as well as business communications. However, our growing reliance on e-mail and other forms of electronic communication has underscored its weakness – that it can contribute to unnecessary conflict, especially within organizational settings. Electronic communication is an impersonal medium that can help foster miscommunication, misunderstanding, mistrust and confusion. Moreover, attempts to resolve conflict using electronic communication routinely result in matters only being made worse. At Saint Mary's University, addressing and preventing conflict arising from electronic communication is part of the violence prevention program.