

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

**Industry Promotion:** Build positive working relationships with politicians and bureaucrats at all levels of government. A strong steady voice in order to adequately address policy decisions, regulations and legislation affecting our industry.

**Industry Trends and Awareness:** Keep members informed of relevant proposed legislation and regulatory changes affecting our industry.

**Industry Relations:** Liaise with other construction associations on matters of mutual concern.

**Safety Program:** Working closely with WSIB and other agencies to support, foster and promote safe workplace practices, maximize savings to our members and develop safety procedures.

**Educational Program:** Encourage educators and students to seek out careers in the sewer and watermain industry through annual scholarship programs, bursaries, and through OCCCI. Offer CCAs Gold Seal Certification program.

**Theft Prevention Program:** Disseminate information to our members and recommend risk management and equipment/material theft prevention measures. Through our theft prevention consultant, liaise with police enforcement agencies regarding equipment theft.

**Networking Opportunities:** Host special events and activities designed to provide networking opportunities for our members. Represent our industry at conferences and political events, and bring a unified voice to working groups and roundtables.



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# “ONTARIANS CARE ABOUT THE QUALITY OF THEIR DRINKING WATER”

## OUR MISSION

On behalf of our members, the OSWCA will champion the sewer and watermain industry to promote the delivery of clean water and safe wastewater management through advocacy, education and environmentally sustainable practices to enhance the quality of life for all Ontarians. We will foster health and safety, professionalism, ethical practices, sound infrastructure investments, good governance and fiscal responsibility.

## OUR VISION

To be Ontario's champion of sustainable clean water and safe sewage infrastructure.

## WHO WE ARE

The OSWCA is a champion of environmental protection and best practices in safety and water system management.

We have represented the sewer and watermain construction industry in Ontario since 1971.

We represent over 800 companies across Ontario including contractors, manufacturers, distributors and consulting engineers.

Collectively, we perform over \$1 billion a year in capital projects to ensure clean safe drinking water and environmentally responsible wastewater treatment and disposal.

## OUR MEMBERSHIP

- Conestoga Heavy Construction Association
- Durham Region Heavy Contractors Association
- Greater Toronto Sewer & Watermain Contractors Association
- Hamilton & District Heavy Construction Association
- Heavy Construction Association of Regional Niagara
- Kingston Construction Association - Heavy Contractors Division
- London & District Heavy Construction Association
- National Capital Heavy Construction Association
- Ontario Concrete Pipe Association
- Ontario Municipal Manufacturers & Distributors Committee
- Sarnia Heavy Construction Association
- Simcoe County Heavy Construction Association

## SUPPORT FOR OUR CONTRACTORS

- Lobbying the provincial government for funding to address the infrastructure deficit in the province, and municipal governments to invest in water and sewer infrastructure.
- Moving forward on streamlining the Permits to Take Water process.
- Enhancing our labour force through continuing education programs (including a review and renewal of Gold Seal), and working to grow our future workforce by promoting careers in heavy construction, through OCCCI.
- Continuing to press for province-wide Pay Assurance programs for contractors working on public sector jobs.
- Addressing industry concerns at the Ministries of Labour, Environment, Municipal Affairs and Housing, Infrastructure, Transportation, as well as the WSIB and College of Trades (among others), with the goal of limiting cost increases and regulation sprawl.
- Working with government to advance prompt payment legislation to eliminate pay-when-paid and/or paid-if-paid clauses from contracts.

## WHAT WE SUPPORT

- Understanding the true **full-cost of water and wastewater systems** with a focus on sustainability plans.
- Comprehensive **system audits** to determine the condition of underground infrastructure, life cycles and replacement costs.
- Over time, **full-cost pricing** in order to sustain water and wastewater systems.
- **Metering** water services to encourage water conservation and long-term sustainability of water systems and resources.
- **Maintenance programs** to reduce leakage rates and increase system efficiencies.
- **Dedicated financial reserves** to upgrade and maintain healthy water and sewer systems.
- Adequate government **financial resources** dedicated over the long-term to ensure sustainable systems.
- The **elimination of cross connection** of sanitary and storm sewers, contributing to keeping Ontario's lakes and rivers clean.

