

## Interim Health And Safety Prevention Council Appointed

*McGuinty Government Improving Workplace Health And Safety*

### NEWS

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Ontario is appointing an interim prevention council to help improve workplace health and safety in the province.

The interim prevention council will help the province implement the key recommendations of the Expert Advisory Panel on Occupational Health and Safety, including the recruitment of a Chief Prevention Officer.

Led by Paavo Kivisto, retired Deputy Minister of the Environment and former Deputy Minister of Labour, the interim prevention council includes:

- Joan Eakin – Professor, Dalla Lana School of Public Health
- Vernon Edwards – Health and Safety Director, Ontario Federation of Labour
- John A. Macnamara – Vice President, Health, Safety and Environment, Hydro One
- Domenic Mattina – Vice-President of Sales and Estimating at Mattina Mechanical Ltd.
- Carmine Tiano – Director of the WSIB Advocacy and Occupational Services, Provincial Building and Construction Trades Council of Ontario

The recommendations of the Expert Advisory Panel on Occupational Health and Safety were the result of broad-based consultations with labour, business, and workplace health and safety organizations.

### QUOTE

“We couldn’t be more pleased with the expertise and commitment these people are bringing to the interim prevention council. This is another very important step towards making Ontario workplaces even safer for our workers and their families.”

— Charles Sousa, Ontario Minister of Labour

### QUICK FACTS

- On Dec. 16, 2010, the 10-member expert advisory panel delivered 46 recommendations to the province to improve workplace health and safety. The panel received more than 400 responses and conducted 50 meetings with stakeholders.
- Ontario has 430 occupational health and safety inspector positions.

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