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Oshawa Power is crowned winner of ESA's 2019 Worker Safety Award

Oshawa, ON - Yesterday, the Electrical Safety Authority (ESA) held its Annual Meeting and Ontario Electrical Safety Awards celebrating achievements in electrical safety. Awards were presented in the categories of Worker Safety, Consumer and Home Safety and Powerline Safety. Award recipients illustrated that electrical safety is a shared responsibility, touching all individuals and organizations across the province.

"At ESA we recognize the role continued education plays in increasing awareness and prevention of electrical safety hazards," says Dr. Joel Moody, Chief Public Safety Officer, ESA. "The safety leaders we honoured today have demonstrated that training can have far-reaching effects on the public at large for many generations to come. We share their remarkable accomplishments with the hope that others will strive to make their own contribution to making a safer Ontario."

Oshawa Power was proud to accept the 2019 Worker Safety Award. Oshawa Power's commitment to safety is demonstrated through efforts brought not only to their staff internally, but contractors outside of Oshawa Power.

Oshawa Power offers continuous safety training and resources to our staff, resulting in a safety record that boasts over 500, 000 hours with no lost time injuries. In addition to a Joint Health and Safety Committee, there is an executive sponsored Ergonomic Change Team and a Wellness Committee in place.

Oshawa Power reaches beyond their own employee group to ensure public safety. Contractors performing work for or with Oshawa Power must attend a Health and Safety orientation before they can begin work, ensuring our contractors are working to our high safety standards.

Oshawa Power also reaches out to the contractor community through their Contractor Safety Day. Contractor Safety Day brings together local contractors and businesses for a half day to review the dangers of working around powerlines and when to engage the utility for assistance when completing their work.

"Worker safety is paramount in every task we do because of the level of danger our team is exposed to everyday. We go above and beyond the standards for our staff to ensure the public is safe and our crews go home safely everyday to their families. I am extremely proud of our team for fostering a safety culture that is second to none." says Ivano Labricciosa, CEO Oshawa Power.

Look for Oshawa Power at community events helping to educate the public about powerline safety. Their next public safety awareness event is November 21, 2019 for their annual Contractor Safety Day. If you would like to participate in this event please email communications@opuc.on.ca.

About Oshawa Power

Oshawa Power provides safe, reliable and efficient electricity distribution services to over 59,000 customers in the City of Oshawa. For more information visit www.opuc.on.ca

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