



SHEET METAL WORKERS TRAINING CENTRE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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The Canadian Council of Sheet Metal Workers & Roofers' Apprentice Contest

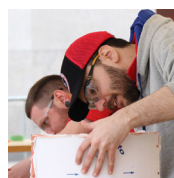
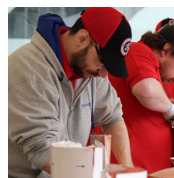
Canadian Contest and Awards Banquet took place May 10 & 11th in Toronto, ON. Sheet metal apprentices from different provinces competed at Nathan Phillips Square near one of the city's most distinctive landmarks — the Toronto City Hall. Participants had 8 hours to build a copper replica of the landmark.

Patrick Welch of [Viaduct Sheet Metal Works Ltd.](#) was [SMART Local 280](#) and [SMACNA-BC's](#) representative at the Contest. Last November, Patrick was the Level 4 winner of the 2018 [SMWTC Annual Apprentice Contest](#), and will receive this year's Alex Donaldson Award. Congratulations Patrick!



Patrick Welch

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UTIP

UNION TRAINING AND
INNOVATION PROGRAM

TECHNOLOGY AND AN INCLUSIVE WORKFORCE:

Forging our Future
Sheet Metal
Industry

What is UTIP? The Union Training and Innovation Program is a federal cost-sharing initiative to increase investment in training equipment and materials for higher quality training, leading to a more skilled and productive trades workforce. UTIP is also intended to improve the participation and success of key groups in trades training and careers including women, Indigenous People and newcomers to Canada.

The Sheet Metal Industry Training Board was successful in submitting a proposal and received over \$400K in government cost-sharing funding for this 5-year project. SMITB is purchasing new equipment for the SMWTCS including a Mobile Elevated Work Platform simulator, new virtual reality/augmented welding technology and will be offering new Fan Service Specialty Training in 2020.

Watch for upcoming opportunities to participate in the UTIP Project including questionnaires and surveys, Focus Groups (Sheet Metal Workers & Contractors) and Advisory Groups (Women, Indigenous, Newcomers). Join us at the official launch on Sept 20th! For more information visit us at smwtcs.ca/UTIP



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PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Purchase new Equipment and Technology to Prepare a Skilled Workforce
- Increase representation of Key Groups to Build an Inclusive Workforce
- Build Broad-Based Partnerships to Influence Change in Sheet Metal Industry
- Assess Result Measurement Indicators

UPCOMING EVENT • FRIDAY • SEPTEMBER 20TH • 11:00AM-3:00PM



Join our Open House Event as
**Sheet Metal Industry Training Board
& Sheet Metal Workers Training Centre**
celebrate the past, present and future

Official Launch of Union Training and Innovation Program (UTIP):
TECHNOLOGY AND AN INCLUSIVE WORKFORCE: Forging our Future Sheet Metal Industry

SMWTC New Instructor

Welcome MATT BROWN! We hired our new full-time instructor to fill the position advertised in the spring to meet the growing needs of the Training Centre. Matt joined the instructor team in May 2019 to provide instruction to apprentices and journeymen through all aspects of the shop and classroom components. Adding a 4th full time instructor allows for succession planning and the development of the new harmonized program. The Training Centre now has greater flexibility to develop new [Specialty Training courses](#), including the upcoming Fan Service Specialty Training offered in early 2020.

WorkSafeBC Changes to Welding Fume Regulations

In February 2019, [WorkSafeBC](#)'s Industry Initiative Overview on Occupational Diseases added Welding Fumes as one of the primary risks of exposure to its Cancer-causing category. The SMWTC has adopted the primary goal on this initiative to raise awareness of the risks, hazards, and controls relating to this category of occupational diseases.

Every student that comes to the SMWTC will be given information on [WorkSafeBC](#)'s new initiative and be provided the opportunity to ask questions about how this may or may not relate to technical and/or specialty training and jobsite conditions. This initiative has the potential to fundamentally change how our contractors address the safety of workers exposed to welding fumes and we here at the SMWTC recognize our responsibility to be part of this initiative as the educational arm of our industry. For further information please visit: <https://www.worksafebc.com/en/health-safety/create-manage/managing-risk/emerging-risks>

In Memoriam – Franco A. Pederzini

MAY 2, 1984 – JULY 29, 2019

It is with deep sadness that the Sheet Metal Industry Training Board announces the passing of one of its Trustees, Franco Pederzini. In Franco's career, he called the SMWTC his alma mater where he journeyed as one of its top apprentices. Recently he was elected to the SMITB as a management representative for [SMACNA-BC](#). In his short career, Franco demonstrated his dedication to family and extended this passion to the trade as a leader of our industry. The Staff and Trustees extend our condolences to his loved ones. "Family Forever and Forgiveness through Prayer" – Franco.



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