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The Ontario College of Trades is about to do what has not been done before – create an organization where those in the skilled trades speak for themselves and shape their own future.

The College will promote the skilled trades as a career of first choice for young people.

When the College opens its doors in 2013, it will be supported by membership fees.

#### What's New at the College:

The next group of Ratios Reviews begins soon. The groups are:

- \* Roofer
- Terrazzo, tile and marble setter
- Architectural glass and metal technician
- Construction boilermaker
- Heat and frost insulator
- Brick and stone mason and Restoration mason

For more information visit : <a href="https://www.collegeoftrades.ca/">www.collegeoftrades.ca/</a> <a href="https://category/ratio-reviews">category/ratio-reviews</a>

#### What They're Saying

"Without oversight of apprentice training, the skilled trades will end up being less skilled than they should be."

- Dave Bennett,
Health and Safety Consultant
(Click **HERE** for full story)

"OCOT is a North
American first that will
benefit skilled tradespeople and the general
public as consumers."

- Josh Mandryk,
Law student for the International
Union of Operating Engineers,
Local 793
(Click **HERE** for full story)

Keep an eye on our website collegeoftrades.ca for news, announcements and updates on the College.

#### **FACT vs. FICTION**

Fiction: "The College is a Tax Grab"

<u>Fact</u>: The College is not a tax, as the fees collected will not go to the government.

Fiction: "All trades will be forced to become compulsory"

<u>Fact</u>: Out of the 157 trades in Ontario, only 22 are compulsory. Non-compulsory tradespeople will have the option of joining the College.

Fiction: "The College will hurt Ontario's economy"

<u>Fact</u>: The College is an industry-led organization that will protect the public interest by regulating and promoting the skilled trades.

Fiction: "The College is just another bureaucracy"

<u>Fact</u>: The College is not the government. It works at armslength from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU).

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#### **OCOT** in the News:

### Ontario College of Trades proponents take aim at opposition

- Canadian Manufacturing, August 29, 2012

### <u>College of Trades Will Benefit Businesses, Trades</u> Workers, and Consumers

- Marketwire, August 28, 2012

### Opposition to College of Trades Fueled by Misinformation: Chair

- DesignBuild Source, August, 26, 2012

#### **Opportunities for growth in skilled trades**

- Brant News, August 25, 2012

### Ontario College of Trades will protect legitimate contractors, chairperson asserts

- Canadian Contractor, August 20, 2012

### Ontario College of Trades will benefit consumers, tradespeople: Operating Engineers union

- Daily Commercial News, August 17, 2012

#### **College promotes fairness**

- Cambridge Times, July 25, 2012

# Appointments Council Updates:

The Appointments Council is currently accepting applications for remaining Trade
Board positions in each of the following sectors:

construction,
industrial,
motive power
and service).

For the Appointments
Council website click HERE
cot-appointments.ca

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