OSSGA 2027

Operations, Health & Safety Seminar

January 20–21, 2027

Marriott Toronto Airport Hotel
901 Dixon Road, Toronto

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OPHS Schedule

January 20th WEDNESDAY

7:00 am – 8:15 am	**Registration and Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors**
8:15 am – 8:30 am	Welcome to the Operations, Health & Safety Seminar
8:30 am – 8:45 am	Welcome from MLITSD**, Assistant Deputy Minister Kirsten Cutler** *(invited)*
8:45 am – 9:30 am	Get Your Head in the Game: Mental Health for Surface Miners – **Dr. Sarah Wilson** (Canadian Safety Group)
9:30 am – 10:00 am	Less Labour, More Uptime: Rethinking Screening for Today's Workforce – **Alex Caruana** (Polydeck)
10:00 am – 11:00 am	**Coffee Break and Exhibitor Networking**
11:00 am – 11:40 am	Lost in Process: Where Material, Time and Money Disappear – **Panel Presentation**
11:40 am – 12:20 pm	You Don't Know What You Don't Know: Building a Culture of Hazard Identification and Risk Control – Facilitator: **Tracy Lee,** Panelists: **Tara Wiltink, Bruce Klein, Jacqueline Ohm, Jeffrey Gray** (CBM Aggregates)
12:20 pm – 12:45 pm	**Who Me? A Mentor? You Have More to Share Than You Think, Rod Black**
12:45 pm – 1:30 pm	**Reception with Exhibitors**
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	OSSGA Awards Luncheon
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	**Dessert and Coffee with Exhibitors**
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	**Breakout Sessions (40 minute sessions repeated)**
	Session 1 – The Safety Check: New Gear, New Standards – **Ryan Smith** (IHSA)
	Session 2 – Environmental Regulations of Pits & Quarries: Did You Know? Do You Know What to Do? – **Jacquelyn Stevens** (Willms & Shier Environmental Lawyers LLP)
	Session 3 - Using AI-Powered Image Analysis for Aggregate Quality Control – **Vivek Patel** (αlterβiota)
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Reception and Networking with Exhibitors
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Axe Throwing and Casino Night with Buffet Dinner and Prizes Galore

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January 21st THURSDAY

7:00 am – 8:15 am	**Registration and Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors**
8:15 am – 8:45 am	Agentic AI: Ready or Not it's Coming – **Jeff Van Grootel** (Inform Evotess GmbH)
8:45 am – 9:15 am	Understanding How Occupational Illnesses Results in Significant Worker Harm, Financial Costs, and Regulatory Pressure - **Mike Parent and Cindy Schiewek (**Workplace Safety North)
9:15 am – 9:45 am	Leveraging Advanced Diagnostics to Improve Equipment Realiability, Safety and Sustainability – **Wilm Schulz** (Haver & Boecker Niagara)
9:45 am – 10:15 am	New Innovations in Safety, **Steve Widomski** (Provix)
10:15am – 11:15am	**Coffee Break with Exhibitors including Passport Program**
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	**KEYNOTE SPEAKER – KEVIN REMPEL**
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Closing Remarks, Passport Draw and Lunch-on-the-Go

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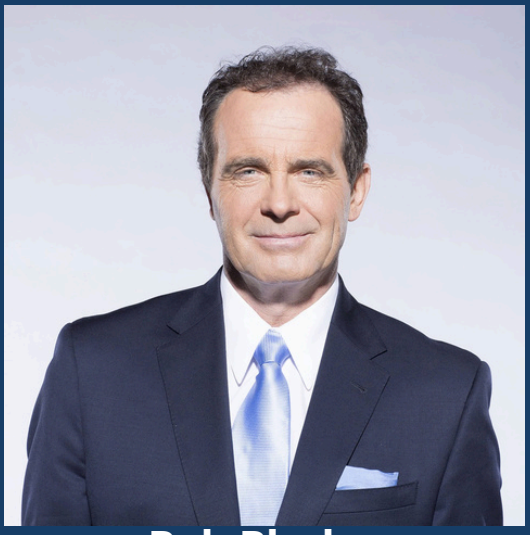
Networking Night with Exhibitors

Join exhibitors and fellow attendees Wednesday night for drinks, great conversation and a chance to connect at our evening reception. Then, get ready to step into the action as Casino Night returns, with even more gaming tables and plenty of chances to win. The prizes are big too — think gift cards, exotic car racing experiences and much more!

Back by popular demand, put your aim and competitive spirit to the test in our axe throwing competition. Challenge your colleagues and see who comes out on top. The stakes may be friendly, but the bragging rights are very real!



Rob Black

Wednesday Guest Speaker

From the Blue Jays and Raptors to the Stanley Cup Playoffs and, of course, the Olympics, Rod Black, one of Canada's most recognized sports broadcasters, has had a front-row seat to some of the biggest moments in Canadian sport. Throughout his career, he has watched experienced athletes and leaders pass along their knowledge and support to the next generation and help teammates grow into their own roles.

Rod will join us Wednesday to talk about the importance of mentorship and how those same lessons apply in your own workplaces. You may not think of yourself as a mentor, or feel you have the tools to be one, but you'd be surprised how much your work experience can help someone else. Sometimes mentorship is simply doing the little things — sharing what you know, offering advice, lending a hand and helping the next person become a stronger member of the team.

Kevin Rempel

Thursday Keynote Speaker

At 23, a motocross accident left Kevin Rempel paralyzed. It was a road he knew intimately. His father had been paralyzed four years earlier, and Kevin recognized he had a choice to make. What followed was a reckoning with the inner voice that shapes how we respond to pressure, change, and uncertainty, a journey that ultimately carried him to the Paralympic podium, where he won bronze in sledge hockey at the 2014 Sochi Winter Games representing Canada.

Today, Kevin specializes in workplace safety leadership and risk-based decision making, helping leaders and teams recognize when ego is quietly influencing their choices before an incident occurs. His E.G.O. Framework (Check your Excuses, Gut, and Options) gives people a practical tool to pause, challenge their thinking, and respond with greater clarity, ownership, and intention.

EVENT LOCATION

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SECONDARY BLOCK

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REGISTER

Online registration is now open — register yourself and your team today! Take advantage of the **Early Bird Member Rate of $999** by registering before December 10, 2026; after this date, the member delegate rate will be $1150. Non-members can register at the **Early Bird Rate of $1,399** by December 10, 2026, or $1,500 afterwards. All rates are subject to tax and space is limited.

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Canadian Scale Company Limited
Continental ContiTech
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