

# *H*IGHLIGHTS

Ontario Labour Relations Board

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## SCOPE NOTES

The following are scope notes of some of the decisions issued by the Ontario Labour Relations Board in August of this year. These decisions will appear in the July/August issue of the OLRB Reports. The full text of recent OLRB decisions is available on-line through the Canadian Legal Information Institute [www.canlii.org](http://www.canlii.org).

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**Application for Termination of Bargaining Rights – Electronic Voting** – Applicant and Employer requested an in-person vote; Union requested electronic vote – Concern expressed that employees would have difficulty casting ballot in electronic vote as many did not have computers and spoke English as a second language – Employer submitted, notwithstanding pandemic, employees were attending at work and workplace was large enough to accommodate a vote – Board experience with electronic voting has been positive, both in voter turnout rates and voting procedures – Ballots could be cast by telephone and outside of working hours – Board’s helpdesk available where employees can receive assistance in voting process – Board ordered electronic vote with extended help desk hours.

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**RATAN KUMAR DEY; RE: UNITED FOOD AND COMMERCIAL WORKERS CANADA, LOCAL 175; OLRB Case No: 1155-20-R; Dated August 25, 2020; Panel: Matthew R. Wilson (3 pages)**

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**Certification – Construction Industry – Jurisdiction** – Board determined threshold issue of whether any portion of CNL’s undertaking was provincially regulated giving Board jurisdiction to process application for certification – CNL’s core function is to operate, maintain and decommission nuclear facilities owned by federal Crown corporation AECL – Board determined that there was direct federal jurisdiction over CNL’s labour relations as its work, business or undertaking’s essential operational nature brings it within a federal head of power – Application dismissed.

**CANADIAN NUCLEAR LABORATORIES LTD.; RE: CARPENTERS' DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ONTARIO, UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS AND JOINERS OF AMERICA; RE: UNITED STEEL, PAPER AND FORESTRY, RUBBER, MANUFACTURING, ENERGY, ALLIED INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICE WORKERS INTERNATIONAL UNION (UNITED STEELWORKERS); RE: UNITED ASSOCIATION OF JOURNEYMEN AND APPRENTICES OF THE PLUMBING AND PIPEFITTING INDUSTRY OF THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA, LOCAL UNION 71; RE: INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, LOCAL 586; OLRB Case No: 2904-16-R; Dated August 17, 2020; Panel: Yvon Seveny (45 pages)**

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**Certification – Construction Industry – Maintenance** – Board determined work performed on date of application was construction work, and whether work was construction labourers’ work –

Employer used infrared technology to remediate surface defects to extend the cycle of asphalt surfaces – On date of application, Board noted: work was not done as part of a program of regular/routine maintenance, significant amounts of material were added and removed during the work, work restored waterproofing of asphalt, equipment and tasks were commonly associated with construction projects – Work performed was construction and not maintenance work – Certificates issued.

**INFRARED PAVEMENT REPAIR CORPORATION;** RE: LABOURERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, ONTARIO PROVINCIAL DISTRICT COUNCIL; OLRB Case No: 0664-19-R, 0863-19-R; Dated August 6, 2020; Panel: Jack J. Slaughter (21 pages)

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**Certification Application – Construction Industry – Tribunal Adjudicative Records Act -**

During exchange of submissions on status disputes, Employer requested a copy of Form A-74, Declaration Verifying Membership Evidence, that Union had filed in support of application – Request made pursuant to *Tribunal Adjudicative Records Act, 2019* – Board's longstanding practice not to provide employers with Form A-74 at this stage of proceedings – Section 2(1) of *TARA* requires a tribunal to make "those adjudicative records in its possession that relate to proceedings" commenced after *TARA* "comes into force available to the public" – Board concluded, at least at status dispute stage of proceedings, Form A-74 was not an "adjudicative record" as defined by *TARA* – Request dismissed – Application continues.

**CALIBER STRUCTURES LIMITED;** RE: LABOURERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, LOCAL 183; OLRB Case No: 2642-19-R; Dated August 31, 2020; Panel: Bernard Fishbein (24 pages)

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**Employment Standards Act – Application for Review – Video Hearing** – Employer requesting in-person hearing, objecting to proceeding by video hearing – Board noted that since March 2020

proceedings had been conducted by video on regular basis – Despite announcement that Board would consider requests for in-person hearings, presumption remains that hearing proceed by video – No compelling or specific reason for an in-person hearing advanced – Employer request denied – Matter continues.

**DR. SORIN BOERIU DENTISTRY PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION;** RE: DANIELLA BONNELL; RE: DIRECTOR OF EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS; OLRB Case No: 3198-19-ES; Dated August 25, 2020; Panel: Matthew R. Wilson (3 pages)

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**Jurisdictional Dispute – Construction Industry**

**– Rules of Procedure** – Board considered a brief filed well in excess of the 20-page limitation under Rule 28.7 of Board's Rules of Procedure – Board noted that, while it has no desire to count pages or measure briefs with a ruler, page limitation was imposed to curb unduly lengthy briefs in jurisdictional disputes – Board noted written briefs were intended to expedite jurisdictional dispute process – Brief amended – Matter continues.

**CTS (ASDE) INC;** RE: LABOURERS' INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, LOCAL 183; RE: CROSSLINX TRANSIT SOLUTIONS CONSTRUCTORS; RE: SONCIN CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION; RE: CARPENTERS' AND ALLIED WORKERS, LOCAL 27, UNITED BROTHERHOOD OF CARPENTERS AND JOINERS OF AMERICA; RE: HEAVY CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION OF TORONTO; OLRB Case No: 0829-19-JD; Dated August 17, 2020; Panel: Bernard Fishbein (xx pages)

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### Pending Court Proceedings

| Case name & Court File No.                                                        | Board File No.           | Status                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Paul Gemme</b><br>Divisional Court                                             | 3337-19-U                | Pending                   |
| <b>Fortis Construction Group Inc.</b><br>Divisional Court                         | 1638-17-R                | Pending                   |
| <b>Aluma Systems Inc.</b><br>Divisional Court                                     | 2739-18-JD               | Pending                   |
| <b>Anthony Hicks</b><br>Federal                                                   |                          |                           |
| <b>Capital Sports &amp; Entertainment Inc.</b><br>Divisional Court No. DC-20-2593 | 1226-19-ES               | Pending                   |
| <b>Rochelle Sherwood</b><br>Divisional Court No. 074/20                           | 1551-19-U<br>1557-19-UR  | Pending                   |
| <b>Joe Mancuso</b><br>Divisional Court No. 28291/19 (Sudbury)                     | 2499-16-U –<br>2505-16-U | Pending                   |
| <b>Abdul Aziz Samad</b><br>Divisional Court No. 019/20                            | 3009-18-ES               | Pending                   |
| <b>Daniels Group Inc.</b><br>Divisional Court No. 018/20                          | 0279-16-R                | Pending                   |
| <b>Audrey Thomas</b><br>Divisional Court No. 436/19                               | 2508-18-U                | Pending                   |
| <b>The Captain's Boil</b><br>Divisional Court No. 431/19                          | 2837-18-ES               | Pending                   |
| <b>Kuehne + Nagel Ltd.</b><br>Divisional Court No. 393/19                         | 0433-18-R                | Pending                   |
| <b>Todd Elliott Speck</b><br>Divisional Court No. 371/19                          | 1476-18-U                | Adjourned due to pandemic |
| <b>New Horizon</b><br>Divisional Court No. 264/19                                 | 0193-18-U                | May 7, 2020               |
| <b>Doug Hawkes</b><br>Divisional Court No. 249/19                                 | 3058-16-ES               | Pending                   |
| <b>EFS Toronto Inc.</b><br>Divisional Court No. 205/19                            | 2409-18-ES               | Pending                   |
| <b>RRCR Contracting</b><br>Divisional Court No. 105/19                            | 2530-18-U                | Adjourned due to pandemic |

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| <b>Hector Yao</b><br>Divisional Court No. 063/19                         | 1841-18-ES                             | Dismissed                 |
| <b>AB8 Group Limited</b><br>Divisional Court No. 052/19                  | 1620-16-R                              | Adjourned due to pandemic |
| <b>Tomasz Turkiewicz</b><br>Divisional Court No. 262/18, 601/18 & 789/18 | 2375-17-G<br>2375-17-G<br>2374-17-R    | November 19, 2019         |
| <b>Deloitte Restructuring Inc.</b><br>Divisional Court No. 238/18        | 2986-16-R                              | November 18, 2019         |
| <b>China Visit Tour Inc.</b><br>Divisional Court No. 716/17              | 1128-16-ES<br>1376-16-ES               | Pending                   |
| <b>Front Construction Industries</b><br>Divisional Court No. 528/17      | 1745-16-G                              | Adjourned due to pandemic |
| <b>Enercare Home</b><br>Divisional Court No. 521/17                      | 3150-11-R<br>3643-11-R<br>4053-11-R    | Pending                   |
| <b>Ganeh Energy Services</b><br>Divisional Court No. 515/17              | 3150-11-R<br>3643-11-R<br>4053-11-R    | October 21, 2019          |
| <b>Myriam Michail</b><br>Divisional Court No. 624/17 (London)            | 3434-15-U                              | Pending                   |
| <b>Peter David Sinisa Sesek</b><br>Divisional Court No. 93/16 (Brampton) | 0297-15-ES                             | Pending                   |
| <b>Byeongheon Lee</b><br>Court of Appeal No. M48402                      | 0095-15-UR                             | Pending                   |
| <b>Byeongheon Lee</b><br>Court of Appeal No. M48403                      | 0015-15-U                              | Pending                   |
| <b>R. J. Potomski</b><br>Divisional Court No. 12/16 (London)             | 1615-15-UR<br>2437-15-UR<br>2466-15-UR | Pending                   |
| <b>Qingrong Qiu</b><br>Court of Appeal No. M48451                        | 2714-13-ES                             | Pending                   |
| <b>Kognitive Marketing Inc.</b><br>Divisional Court No. 51/15 (London)   | 0621-14-ES                             | Pending                   |
| <b>Valoggia Linguistique</b><br>Divisional Court No. 15-2096 (Ottawa)    | 3205-13-ES                             | Pending                   |