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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Walsh Canada Wins Multiple National Safety Awards

*General Contractor recognized for excellence in Organizational and Young Worker Safety Categories*

**Toronto, Ontario – October 27, 2017** – Walsh Canada is proud to have received two awards from Canadian Occupational Safety magazine as part of its annual Canada's Safest Employers awards, an annual cross-country competition recognizing Canada's occupational health and safety leaders. Walsh Canada Vice President and Business Group Leader, Craig Lesurf, and Health and Safety Manager, Dave Irwin, were called to the stage at the annual gala held on October 24<sup>th</sup> to receive the honours, which include the Silver Award for the Building and Construction category and the Silver Award for Young Worker Safety.

The Building and Construction Silver award recognized Walsh Canada for demonstrating excellence in its overall health and safety program and culture, highlighted by Walsh's outstanding health and safety record, its leadership role in promoting health and safety across the industry through initiatives such as Safety Week, Safety Month, League of Champions, and its efforts of engaging staff at all levels to raise the bar for safety staff through various forms of positive reinforcement.

The Young Worker Silver award was presented to Walsh for its heightened focus on keeping its young workers safe, highlighted by its graduated Yellow Hard Hat program that visually identifies young workers from more experienced workers until a defined set of criteria are achieved, its Young Worker Mentoring Program, and a minimum ratio of experienced to young workers on project sites so that younger workers can be more closely monitored and positively influenced by the established best practices of their peers. Walsh also supported industry-wide young worker initiatives that included MySafeWork and Courageous, while also founding a new annual bursary in 2017 for George Brown College's Construction and Engineering Technologies program named the Walsh Canada Bursary for Safety and Academic Excellence.

"It's a great honour to be recognized among many other prominent construction companies across Canada," says Walsh Canada's Craig Lesurf. "To receive two awards in the same year is a validation of the strong health and safety culture at the Walsh Group and the high level of engagement we have achieved with our staff in our continual pursuit to make sure that everyone goes home safe at the end of each day. These awards are also a testament to the commitment by the Walsh family and senior management to make health and safety the top priority at the Walsh Group."

Walsh Canada looks forward to continuing to develop new initiatives towards enhancing its health and safety program and winning more awards in 2018.



The “Canada’s Safest Employers” edition of Canadian Occupational Safety magazine is available here:  
[www.cos-mag.com/digital-issue](http://www.cos-mag.com/digital-issue)

### **About Walsh Canada**

Walsh Canada is part of the Walsh Group, a 119 year-old general contracting, construction management and design-build company providing services in a vast array of building and heavy civil infrastructure across North America. Walsh currently serves the institutional, commercial, industrial, wastewater treatment, and transportation sectors in Canada where they have amassed a portfolio that includes 10 projects, highlighted by the \$280 million Women’s College Hospital Capital Redevelopment, \$200 million TTC Pioneer Village Subway Station, \$150 million Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant P Building and Odour Control Upgrades, \$170 million Etobicoke General Hospital Phase 1 Patient Tower, and Enterprise Data Centre Borden 5MW Expansion (construction cost confidential).

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