

### **WSIB 2010 first quarter financials show \$256 million loss; investments off-set declining premium inc**

In its latest reporting to stakeholders, the WSIB has declared it's most recent financial statements show continued pressure on its unfunded liability from decreasing premium revenues and increased benefits costs.

### **Strengthen the Employer Voice in Dean Review**

Earlier this year the Minister of Labour announced a review of Ontario's occupational health and safety prevention and enforcement system. Former senior public service executive Tony Dean was appointed to lead the review and a panel of three academics, three employers (of which COCA's 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Domenic Mattina is one) and three representatives of labour was named to support him in his efforts. Dean has until the end of the year to complete his study and submit his recommendations for improvement to the Minister.

### **IHSA Website Offers Tools to Help Employers Comply With New Requirements**

Regular readers of the COCA newsletter already know that amendments to the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) designed to protect workers from workplace violence and to address harassment came into effect on June 15, 2010.

### **Workplace Safety Awareness Campaign**

In the wake of the three month Ministry of Labour enforcement blitz on falls which uncovered many violations related to missing or inappropriate use of guardrails, scaffolding and fall protection systems and supervisor and worker training on falls, Minister Peter Fonseca recently launched an eight week construction safety awareness campaign to encourage employers and workers to redouble their efforts to embed a safety culture in every construction site.

### **New WSIB Program Integrates LMR and Return to Work**

The WSIB is in the process of introducing a new program that integrates Labour Market Re-entry and Return to Work called Work Reintegration.

### **TTMGO Appoints New Executive Director**

COCA member association, the Terrazzo, Tile & Marble Guild of Ontario will have a new Executive Director, Mr. David St. Louis effective August 16, 2010.

### **MOL Enforcement Blitzes**

Construction employers should be aware of Ministry of Labour' scheduled enforcement blitzes. The Ministry's crack down on construction equipment hazards wound up at the end of July and results should be made public in the near future.

### **CSC projects construction sector expansion**

The Construction Sector Council has released its *Construction Looking Forward* industry analysis for 2010-2018. The forecast concludes that Ontario's construction industry has entered into a recovery phase after the recessionary downturn that gripped the economy in 2008.