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Oakville Hydro wins award for safety record

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Oakville Hydro was recognized for its safety record with an award presented by MySafeWork at Safety Talks 2016 in Toronto, recently.

The local utility received the David Ellis Award, named for 18-vear-old Oakville resident David Ellis who was fatally injured in a workplace accident at an Oakville bakery on his second day

The award honours a company that has demonstrated leadership and commitment in providing a safe workplace by encouraging worker participation and communication at all levels of the workforce.

Hydro to receive this award," said Rob Lister, President and CEO of



"It means so much to Oakville From left: Josh LeBrun, president and COO of eCompliance; Peter Michaud, director of Health, Safety and Environment at Oakville Hydro; and Rob Ellis, president of MySafeWork.

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Oakville Hydro.

"Safety is our top priority and our company in partnership with MySafeWork has spread the importance of youth workplace safety throughout the years to our community and schools. We will continue to dedicate our time and strive to ensure that all of our employees make it home safely each and every day."

Following David's death, his father Rob Ellis started MySafeWork, a not-for-profit organization and registered charity committed to improv-

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Ellis spoke during the Thursday event.

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"Our goal is to inspire companies to achieve greatness in safety culture. We want to see more companies respecting and protecting their workers like Oakville Hydro does."

Safety Talks 2016 was held by eCompliance.

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