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## Ontario's largest safety association appoints Matichuk as board chair

**Mississauga ON** - The board of directors of Workplace Safety & Prevention Services (WSPS) announced yesterday that it has appointed Greater Sudbury native Marianne Matichuk as its new chair. She has been a member of the board since 2016.

For more than 100 years, Ontario businesses and workers have been trusting WSPS and its legacy associations (IAPA, OSSA and Farm Safety Association) for health and safety consulting, training, events and resources. The company is the largest health and safety association in the province, serving over 167,000 employers and 4.1 million workers across the agricultural, manufacturing and service sectors.

"Working with the dedicated team at WSPS is truly an honour and a privilege," says Matichuk. "I look forward to making a difference in ensuring safety in the workplace and most importantly, bringing workers home safe."

Matichuk has over 30 years of health and safety, political and business experience in several roles, including the first elected female and former Mayor of the City of Greater Sudbury and inaugural Chief Administrative Officer of the Centre for Research in Occupational Safety and Health (CROSH).

She is a business graduate from Cambrian College and holds Canadian Registered Safety Professional, Certified Health and Safety Consultant and Certified Lead Auditor designations. She is also a Certified Nutrition Manager. As the principal consultant of M. Matichuk & Associates, she continues her work in health and safety and government relations.

In 2017, Matichuk was appointed as governor for the board of Canadian Registered Safety Professionals and sits on the board for the Sudbury Manitoulin Children's Foundation. She is also the president of Business & Professional Women of Greater Sudbury.

For her work, she has received the Health and Safety Ontario Leadership Award of Merit, the Greater Sudbury Police Services Award of Appreciation, and the Huntington University Award of Merit. She has also been awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for her service to Greater Sudbury and all of Canada.

"We're very excited about Marianne's appointment," says Lynn Brownell, WSPS President and CEO. "She has a strong health and safety background and truly understands the challenges faced by the industries we serve. We see many opportunities ahead."

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