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INDUSTRY BULLETIN

Meeting date: Monday, November 2

Institute of Skilled Trades - Council Meeting Highlights

This bulletin provides a high-level update on current initiatives, upcoming activities, and key information relevant to our industry partners that was discussed in the most recent IST Council meetings.

The Council meets monthly, and 9 meetings have been held to date.

Key Updates	Description	Status
1. **A New Approach to Selecting Future Skilled Trades Students**	Council members reviewed and approved a a new additional admissions assessment model for all IST trades programs which will be implemented going forward.	Complete.
2. **Attendance & Backfilling Seats**	Council members approved filling vacant seats for IST programs but only during the first week of programming. This way, students who are backfilling spots don't miss out on crucial information. There will also a plan to help those late admissions catch up on what they miss in the first week.	Complete.
3. **Building More Pathways into Skilled Trades**	The Council approved transition measures for existing waitlisted applicants, clarified opportunities for Grade 11 students to express interest, and reinforced the importance of accessibility and applicant supports. They also approved the phasing out of waitlists going forward.	In progress.
4. **Industry Helping Shape the Future of Skilled Trades Training**	The second phase of trade sprints have started, and seven of eight trades have been reviewed. Industry continues to help identify equipment, training, and infrastructure needs	In progress.

The Council will continue advancing these priorities and will share further updates as work progresses. The next IST Council meeting will be held on December 7, 2026.