

Don MacKinnon
President
Power Workers' Union



Don began his career at Ontario Hydro in 1971 and is a lineman by trade. His union activism began over 29 years ago and included 11 years as PWU Vice President before becoming the PWU President in 2000.

In 1990, he achieved a major milestone in his goal to improve workplace safety when he led the successful PWU thrust to establish the unilateral right to stop unsafe work in all Ontario Hydro workplaces as a substantive method of reducing accident and injury.

Don has a reputation as a skilled and innovative negotiator who uses mutual gains approaches to achieve settlements that address business needs while fully respecting the rights and values of employees.

He is recognized as an authority on Ontario's electricity system. Previous government appointments included participation on the Ontario Ministry of Energy Electricity Transition Committee and the Ontario Government Electricity Conservation and Supply Task Force.