



News Release and Members Announcement

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The Floorcovering Institute of Ontario's (FIO) Board of Directors, in this our 50th Year, is pleased to announce the following recipients of this year's Industry Awards of Excellence.

Industry Award: Mr. Norm Maia, of MFT National Cleaning Services. *The award is given to an individual that has contributed to the continuous development in the world of flooring and or cleaning and or restoration services. Norm has worked tirelessly over the past many years, and the last two in particularly with his involvement with the Connections Board and Show, as well as the IICRC. He has represented Ontario, and in fact Canada, in a very positive manner within this international association.*

Retailer Award: Speers Road Broadloom Ltd., Oakville ON – Mr. Carl French. *The award is given to a business that shows exceptional leadership, customer service, values and practices within the industry. Speers Road Broadloom is a recognized leader among floor covering retailers. They are a consistent, well run, well respected and customer focused floor covering business.*

Manufacturer/Distributor Award: Metropolitan Hardwood Floors (Eastern) Inc, Mississauga ON – Mr. Andre Tesolin. *The award is given to a business that shows exceptional leadership, customer service, values and practices within the industry. Metropolitan Hardwood is an international distributor of Kentwood (solid & engineered hardwood), Evoke Flooring (luxury vinyl & laminate) and Impacta acoustic underlayment's.*

Cleaner/Restoration/Janitorial Award: MFT National Cleaning Services, Markham ON - Mr. Norm Maia. *The award is given to a business that shows exceptional leadership, customer service, values and practices within the industry. MFT National Cleaning Services is a full service solution provider to their clients that also keeps focus on the environment and in their community.*

Congratulations to all award winners and nominees! I hope to see you all at one of the four FIO Golf Tour Stops, or at an education seminar or social event this year. We could not have made it 50 years without the support of our members – Thank you!

Wishing the best to the flooring, cleaning and restoration businesses of Ontario.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jason Walker'.

Jason Walker, FIO President

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Note: For more information on the FIO, the FIO Golf Tour, education events or to join, please visit www.TheFIO.ca