

Glenn Chatten – Bio 2018

CAREER SUMMARY

With a degree in religious studies and psychology from the University of Waterloo and training for the Baptist ministry at McMaster Seminary (M Div), at first glance, I may not seem to be considered a likely candidate for work in the Construction or Architectural Design Industry. Add also the fact that I am a well known veteran folk singer, professional finger-style guitarist and an accomplished touring recording artist, the chances of seeing me in at construction or design meetings would seem fairly remote. Yet, I have carved out a niche for myself in the world of construction by my varied experiences ranging from being a steel worker at Inverleigh Bridge Construction in the mid-eighties; the CEO of an award winning Ontario contracting firm in the nineties; the Architectural Sales Representative for Western Canada for General Paint Inc; to a successful specification writer working in partnership with Specworks Inc. here in Vancouver.

The thread that has tied these experiences together has been my continued intent and focus on, awareness of and ability to utilize finely tuned communications skills.

Presently, the Principal of Wordclear Specifications, I work not only on creating construction documentation and specifications but also on the education of the importance of specifications by providing presentations and workshops to firms, colleges, universities; and teaching several of the courses offered by Construction Specifications Canada (CSC) throughout BC.

QUALIFICATIONS

I have extensive knowledge of and experience in construction design, communication, building envelope sciences, specification writing, contract documentation and project management.

- I have documented a wide variety of sophisticated types of building technologies. I am very technically and analytically minded and enjoy doing detailed studies of different building requirements and technologies.
- I have worked closely with product manufacturers and their representatives to determine the most appropriate type of products to use in various situations and identified the similarities and variations of different product types to be selected as alternates in the specifications.
- I have completed product research and detail development in consultation with specialists and manufacturers, to create prototype construction assemblies to incorporated the designer's concerns, manufacturer's application and production limitations. After further testing and development, by interested manufacturers, some of these assemblies became part of their product line.
- I am able to work with the Owner to provide additional instruction to the Supplementary General Conditions, Bid Form or Instructions to Bidder and create appropriate procurement appendices to attached to the bidding documents.

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SOFT SKILLS

- Highly proficient skill in research, analysis and problem solving.
- Organized and detailed-oriented individual.
- Solid technical writing skills.
- Superb communicator.
- Strong understanding of design and production processes.
- Aptitude for learning new building technology quickly and competently.
- Capable to do multi-tasking on several parallel projects.
- Familiar with structural, electrical, mechanical drawings and specifications.

EDUCATION / AFFILIATIONS / AWARDS

University of Waterloo, Honours BA, 1980

- Double Major in Religious Studies and Psychology

McMaster University, Masters of Divinity, 1983

- Theological and Chaplaincy Studies and Practicums (Guelph Correctional Centre and McMaster Hospital)

Results Centered Leadership, 1995

- Communication skills program

Construction Specifications Canada (CSC)

- Member Vancouver Chapter 2006 to 2017,
- PCD, CTR, Specifier 1 programs.
- Education Director and Instructor

Contractor of the Year 2003

- Awarded by the Grand River Construction Association, Cambridge, Ontario

Instrumental Soloist of the Year 2017

- Nominated by the Canadian Folk Music Awards (CFMA)

BCIT Architectural and Engineering Program (2009 -2018)

- Guest Lecturer