

Top Glass goes online for 2020

July 7, 10 a.m.

Top Glass, Canada's conference for the architectural glass industry, will take place as an [online virtual event](#) July 7 starting at 10 a.m. EST. The event will feature three presentations by top industry experts, plus the Young Executives Panel discussion. All presentations will be live and interactive, with opportunities for the audience to submit questions. Registration is free and open to all thanks to the generous support of Alumicor, Commdoor Aluminum and Kuraray. Top Glass Online replaces the live Top Glass event rescheduled for Sept. 29 due to the pandemic. Organizers made the difficult decision to cancel the live event amid uncertainty as to whether mass gatherings will be allowed by late September. Top Glass is planned to return as a live event in April 2021.

"We've been encouraged by the success of other virtual events held during the lockdown," said Danielle Labrie, show manager. "While nothing replaces getting together face-to-face, there are benefits to the online experience, including convenience and the chance to involve people from all over the country."

FREE REGISTRATION

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SESSIONS

10:00am - 11:00am

Young Executives Panel

Speakers: Nathalie Thibault, Ryan Spurgeon, Mike Bruno, Andrew Dolphin, Peter Dushenski

It's your chance to join the conversation with some of the brightest stars in Canada's architectural glazing sky. The Top Glass Young Executives forum will prime the pump with a panel discussion of some of the top issues facing our industry today, with perspectives from four executives who represent our leadership of the future. Then it's your chance to chime in with questions and arguments in a townhall-style forum. Let's get some conversation going!

Nathalie Thibault



Nathalie Thibault is technical director of Canadian affairs for the Fenestration and Industry Glazing Alliance. Her background includes 15 years at a major Quebec glass fabricator with roles in project, supply chain, IT and sales management. Nathalie has dedicated significant time to industry associations, including the Quebec glass association, AVFQ; the Glass Association of North America, where she served on the Board of Directors from 2011 to 2015; and president of the Insulating Glass Manufacturers' Alliance from 2017 to 2020. Nathalie also owns a sports brewery restaurant with her father. She lives in Rivière-du-Loup, Que., and has a degree in management from Concordia University and participated in an exchange program with Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia. In her "spare time," she is pursuing an MBA in strategy and innovation at Laval University.

Ryan Spurgeon



Ryan is president of ANTAMEX, a 50-year-old unitized custom curtainwall company with a rich turnkey history (design, engineer, manufacture and install) of notable project operations across the globe. Prior to ANTAMEX, Ryan started his career as an estimator and worked through various roles such as project manager, projects executive, director of contract operations, general manager and vice-president. His entire professional career has been in contract glazing operations, working on more than 60 projects of varying scope, size and scale. He has a passion for managing complex contracts and scopes of work across an array of project delivery models. Ryan has a BBA (Hons.) in accounting and general management from Laurentian University and an executive MBA from Ivey Business School at the University of Western Ontario.

Mike Bruno



Mike Bruno is the second-generation president of Alumitex Window and Doors, a Toronto-based commercial fenestration fabricator serving the GTA and southern Ontario for over 50

years. Mike started in the business playing with his toys on the floor of his father's shop and his passion for the business has only grown over the years. Today, he is the vice-president of Fenestration Canada and has expanded into residential vinyl and hybrid vinyl/aluminum windows and luxury wood doors, shipping product across the country and opening a second location in Thunder Bay.

Andrew Dolphin



Andrew Dolphin is general manager of glass operations at BV Glazing, where he manages glass quoting, production and purchasing of all glass product. He brings a wealth of operations and manufacturing knowledge from his 17 years in the business at Trulite and Sherwood before that. Andrew is one of the industry's "team players," having served on the Ontario Glass and Metal Association board for the last five years and as president in 2019.

Peter Dushenski



Peter Dushenski is the managing director of GlasCurtain, a 100-per cent Canadian-owned and operated curtain wall manufacturer that specializes in fibreglass-framed systems. Peter joined the company in 2013 just before the commercial product launch at Greenbuild 2013 in Philadelphia. Since then he's lead the company to several industry firsts including the highest thermally performing curtain wall in the world based on Passive House (PHI) certification – rated to R9.5. Peter has been invited to speak at the Canada-EU Green Building Forum in Brussels, Belgium, at Ecobuild in London, U.K., at CaGBC's Building Lasting Change conference, and at BUILDDEX Vancouver. In addition to speaking, Peter is also a passionate writer. His article for the December 2018 issue of Glass Canada magazine received the cover story. Peter lives in Edmonton, is happily married, and is the proud father of two little boys.

11:15am - 12:15pm

Size Matters – Why jumbo glass should be part of your business

Speaker: Louis Moreau, co-presenter: Adam Mitchell

Discover why architects want larger glass and how we produce it. We will teach you what to watch for and how to avoid common mistakes when specifying and installing larger glass. This will be a fun interactive course with our reporters showing you videos shoots from our world class plant floor.



Louis Moreau

Louis is the Head, Technology & Innovation at AGNORA. He brings a unique mix of international experiences in float manufacturing, high performance vacuum coatings, large building glazing, and high-end glass fabrication.

Adam Mitchell

Adam Mitchell is the marketing manager at AGNORA, focused on delivering helpful educational content. 10 years in the business-to-business manufacturing space has taught Adam to understand that personal education and connection is everything.

1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Hot Topic: Understanding the latest requirements in fire-rated glazing

Speaker: Fred D. Fulton



Codes and standards for fire-rated glass are evolving and new products are entering the market that open up new possibilities. But all this change creates the possibility for costly misunderstandings and mistakes. Join Fred Fulton of F1 Glazing Solutions as he goes over the latest requirements and strategies for meeting them, with spectacular architectural results. Fred D. Fulton is a leading expert in the area of fire-rated glass and framing systems. Fred brings to the table 30-plus years of experience in sales, marketing, product design and testing of architectural window and curtainwall systems.

2:15 - 3:15 p.m.

Hitting the Targets – What you'll need to do to make the facades of the future

Speakers: Louis Fortin, Claudio Bardetti



Louis Fortin

As codes and standards at every level of jurisdiction tighten, it is more important than ever to understand the present state of play in energy efficiency and where it is likely to go in the future. Every day, Louis Fortin helps building engineers and glazing contractors hit the numbers they need when testing high performance facade designs. He's seen it all and brings his knowledge and insight to you in this presentation.

Louis Fortin is an engineer and senior consultant in the field of the building envelope. Working for the past 35 years in the field of curtain walls and fenestration on the manufacturing or consulting side, Louis is a Project Director at UL based in Quebec. His main areas of expertise are consulting, commissioning and investigating performance problems relating to curtain walls, windows and glazing.



Claudio Bardetti, P.T., Technical Manager, Consulting and Commissioning UL

After completing his studies in architectural technology, Claudio worked for several years as a coordinator and assistant superintendent on various institutional, commercial and residential projects, before embarking on a long career as an envelope designer with architectural firms, most of which have accomplished large-scale projects. This has allowed him to gain solid and highly technical experience on the different envelope systems that are currently used in the industry.

With more than thirty years of experience, Claudio, as technical director, brings to the consulting and commissioning team a vast and diversified baggage. His knowledge of good practices and different construction techniques make him a valuable resource person in the most complex projects. His diligent review of construction documents and assistance to professionals is his greatest strength.

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Top Glass is Canada's industry event for the commercial glazing industry. Hosted by *Glass Canada* magazine, Top Glass brings glazing contractors, curtain wall manufacturers, storefront fabricators, architects and building engineers together for a day of education, networking and review of the latest technology. Top Glass offers four one-hour sessions that can qualify towards continuing education credits.

Who is Top Glass for?

- Architects and building engineers
- Glazing contractors
- Curtain wall and commercial storefront fabricators

Why should you attend?

- Earn continuing education credits
- Network with industry professionals
- Browse the latest technology