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CSC/OGMA JOINT MEETING

date:	Tuesday, December 6, 2011
topic:	WHAT IS SAFETY GLASS? This presentation will explore the history of glass standards in Canada and will provide an overview of the current applicable codes and standards. (See page 5 for more details.)
speakers:	David Thompson, Manager of Building Envelope Services, Halcrow Yolles David Wittenberg, Structural Designer, Halcrow Yolles
location:	Toronto Skating Curling and Cricket Club 141 Wilson Ave., Toronto (1 block east of Avenue Rd.)
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February 7 Economic Outlook

February 24 4th Annual Curling Bonspiel

March 5 No Frills Trade Show

April 3 Zinc Panels

May 1 Retaining Walls/ACM

August Annual Golf Tournament

Bi-annual Tradition

In December, the Toronto chapter holds its bi-annual joint meeting with the Ontario Glass & Metal Association (OGMA). This will be the fourth of its kind and



Steve Gusterson Chair

some of you may remember past speakers who educated us on such things as curtain wall design, how glass is made and the changing standards on windows. If you were there in December 2006, you will no doubt remember Fluffy the Maine Coon.

Being in the industry for

my entire career, glass and metal associations are near and dear to my heart. I'm currently a Director at Large for the OGMA and sit on the technical committee for the Canadian Glass Association (CGA). Both associations contribute immensely to the architectural glass business.

The Ontario Glass & Metal Association was founded in 1990, the phoenix arising from the ashes of the Metro Toronto Glass Association of the 1970s. The association strives to represent the glass and glazing profession, directed primarily towards the industrial/ commercial/institutional segment. Besides providing educational seminars and social/networking events, the OGMA also undertook a substantial project in 2006 when, in conjunction with the Architectural Glass & Metal Contractors Association (AGMCA), they created the *Ontario Glazing Systems Manual for Specifiers*. The association is also noteworthy for its donations to local charitable organizations, such as veteran's facilities and women's shelters, and has a special passion for children's charities. Visit www.ogma.ca for details.

I'm very proud to be a contributing member of CSC, the OGMA and the CGA and look forward to a long and fruitful co-operation with all of these respected associations. This is my last article for the calendar year and with the holiday season upon us I would like to take this opportunity to wish all readers of *The Specifier* a Happy Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or whatever you may have to celebrate or commemorate, if nothing more than the winter solstice.

Finally, for those that have been waiting for the next installment with bated breath... here's this month's excerpt from the 1924 *Ontario Highway Traffic Act*. Part II REQUIREMENTS AS TO EQUIPMENT 10. - (2) No motor vehicle shall carry on the front thereof more than three lighted lamps of over four candle power; and additional lights displayed on the front... of such vehicle shall be green in colour only and of not more than four candle power.

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The Promise

Trecently attended a dinner meeting hosted by the Ontario Building Envelope Committee (OBEC). In addition to enjoying a great presentation by building scientist Joe Lstiburek, an article in the most recent publication of their newsletter, *Pushing the Envelope*, was brought to my attention at the meeting. I read this article and thought it was very interesting. I would like to share the article with you here in *The Specifier*.

The topic of this article is "The Promise," an oath that creates an ethical duty to protect the rights of future generations. This was first developed in 2009; I am not sure how many of you know about this. I would urge you to read this, and visit PTFG.org, the website for A Promise to Future Generations, for more information about how you can make a difference. The most recent Industry Signing Ceremony took place at the Greenprint Conference in November, but the continued efforts of the steering committee will continue to help educate the industry and allow individuals to consider the long-term consequences of their actions today. I thought this was very interesting and hope that you do too. \mathcal{A}



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A Promise to Future Generations: Update

By M.F. Touchie, E.S. Tzekova and K.D. Pressnail

In the Fall 2010 issue of *Pushing the Envelope Canada*, readers were introduced to "The Promise" — an oath that creates an ethical duty to protect the rights of future generations. "The Promise" has come a long way since the first signing ceremony two years ago. The third annual signing ceremony took



Russell Snow First Vice-Chair

place this past June at the University of Toronto, and for the first time, industry members joined graduating students and academic staff in signing "The Promise." When first developed in 2009, "The Promise" was an oath intended to be taken by graduating engineers. It was designed to promote the recognition of the rights of future generations and to encourage engineers to respect those rights. However, "The Promise" steering committee soon realized that in order to make a significant impact and to drive change on a larger scale, all people, including those in the industry, should be encouraged to sign on.

As word of "The Promise" has spread, the organizers of this initiative have been invited to speak at a number of industry events. With the gracious support and encouragement of members of the board of directors of the Ontario Building Envelope Council, the organizers are now focusing on educating industry members about values of "The Promise."

To facilitate the education process and to better manage the growth in popularity of "The Promise," the organizers have developed a website: PTFG.org. This website has allowed for the automation of "The Promise" registration process. But it will be much more. The group would like to develop an online meeting space where signatories can share ideas and success stories,

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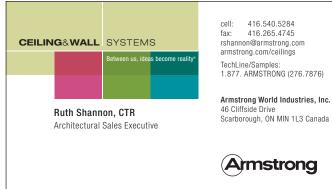
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December 6, 2011 Dinner Meeting

CSC Toronto Chapter/Ontario Glass & Metal Association Joint Meeting

WHAT IS SAFETY GLASS?

This presentation qualifies for self-directed OAA credits.

Glass is a fundamental aspect of modern architecture. Its use has skyrocketed in recent years due to an unrelenting goal to achieve greater and greater transparency. Many of the ways that glass is used today were not considered possible when many of the Canadian codes and standards were first developed. Until the codes and standards are further developed, a certain amount of ambiguity will exist when it comes to properly specifying glass products that meet the demands of modern architecture.

The prevalence of glass has also lead to a certain amount of complacency regarding its safety. "Safety glass" has become so wide spread that people take for granted the risks associated with this brittle product and the consequences of its breakage. This has been demonstrated recently with high-profile instances of glass breakage in cities around the world. Many of today's standard practices, while code compliant, carry a great deal of risk that is not often fully understood.

The discussion will look at the history of glass standards in Canada and will provide an overview of the current applicable codes and standards. The speakers will explain what the term "safety glass" means in Canada and what the risks are that are associated with it but that are generally not well understood. Finally, they will explain how to manage the risks associated with glass and provide suggestions about how to specify glass products that will actually meet the project's requirements.



Bruce Hudson Program Committee Officer



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SPEAKERS:

David Thompson, Manager of Building Envelope Services, Halcrow Yolles

David Thompson has been active in the construction industry for 34 years beginning his career in the Architectural Design profession. Near the turn of the century his focus became more directed to the design and development of the building envelopes, which coincided with him joining the Yolles (now Halcrow Yolles) Building Envelope Service group. While in this group he co-founded a group of engineers and technologists whose primary focus was to understand the structural capabilities of glass and how to best utilize this material in specialty structures. David and the team were behind the design and construction of the observation boxes projecting from the 103rd floor of the iconic Sears tower (aka Willis tower) in Chicago, as well as numerous other glass features throughout North America. David became a principle at Halcrow Yolles and with this role took on the management of the building envelope services where he has worked an many projects throughout the middle east, Asia, Europe and North America.

David Wittenberg, Structural Designer, Halcrow Yolles

David Wittenberg is a structural designer currently working in the Structural Glass and New Façade department of Halcrow Yolles. He specializes in the structural analysis and design of specialty projects that are primarily made of glass. Recent projects that he has been involved with include a glass pedestrian bridge located in the lobby of the Ritz-Carleton, Toronto; a glass pedestrian bridge and glass roof located at The Core Shopping Centre, Calgary; and The Ledge observation deck located at the Willis Tower, Chicago. More recently, he has been involved in advising glass contractors on the design of unique glass projects with a focus on ensuring that the elements are designed to meet the applicable code requirements.

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few business-savvy sales representatives out there! Please do not wait for our annual roofing dinner meeting, curling bonspiel, fun night or golf tournament to invite an architect or specifier.

I would like to thank each of you very much for your support. However, although your support is very much appreciated, I humbly request you fit us into your schedule periodically throughout the entire meeting season, attending meetings accompanied by an architect or specifier guest.





December 2011

IIDEX/NeoCon Canada 2011

IDEX/NeoCon Canada 2011 attendance — said to be Canada's largest trade show for the built environment — held steady at 15,000 on Sept. 22 and 23 at the Direct Energy Centre at Toronto's Exhibition Place.

Awards Gala 2011

Ontario's ARIDO Awards were celebrated at an annual gala dinner that was held on the eve of IIDEX/NeoCon Canada. The gala was hosted by ARIDO President,

Eliisa Petersen and Honorary Chair, Richard New-

bury and brought together more than 765 interior designers, architects, media

and industry to celebrate

This year's winners includ-

ed projects of international

scope, including ones from

the 30 award-winning projects in 11 categories.



Susan Tienhaara Interior Design Officer

Paris, France and Washington, D.C.

Yabu Pushelberg received the Project of the Year award, a firm not modest in its self-acclaim, for the project Printemps Haussmann (retail).

Students impress at IDC's 5th Annual Student Design Charrette

An IIDEX highlight, this year's Student Charrette gave students an opportunity to showcase their drawing and planning skills rather than focusing on their building and construction talents seen in past Charrettes. "Off the Wall" gave students a blank hotel floor plan, paying homage to IIDEX's focus on hospitality, and three key words in an envelope. Eight Canadian schools participated with teams of five students: Algonquin, RCC, Ryerson, Fanshawe, La Cite, Sheridan, Georgian and OCADU. The Florida International University travelled from the Sunshine State with three team members, making the total number of schools participating nine. The scores were extremely close, but in the end the team from Algonquin was crowned with first place followed very closely by RCC in second and Ryerson third.

IDC and IIDEX host a Hockey Tournament with a Twist in Support of Ronald McDonald House

IDC and IIDEX/NeoCon Canada teamed up to help Ronald McDonald House Toronto raise the remaining \$2 million of their \$32-million-dollar fundraising goal for *Cont'd on Page 9*

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the construction of a new facility by hosting the edgeof-your-seat chair hockey tournament. The two-day tournament gave IIDEX attendees the chance to support their favourite team through donations to Ronald Mc-Donald House Toronto. Money raised through sponsorship, team fundraising, toonie toss, silent auction, and Toronto Marlies ticket sales garnered a grand total of nearly \$30,000!

Winners of IIDEX/NeoCon Canada Innovation and Booth Awards announced

Celebrating outstanding achievement in new product designs for the built environment, winners of the annual IIDEX/NeoCon Canada Innovation Awards were announced. This year, 51 products were recognized for their innovative designs. Organized by Interior Designers of Canada, this annual awards program recognizes the best of North American product design from leading manufacturers and suppliers within the fields of interior design and architecture.

Interior Designers of Canada appoints new representatives at Annual Meeting

Interior Designers of Canada announced the appointment of three new directors to the IDC board of management at its Annual Meeting, held September 23. IDC welcomes incoming association president Donna Assaly of Assaly Interior Design Inc., alongside two new directors.

Having successfully completed his 18-month term as IDC President, David Hanson of Gustafson Wylie Architects Inc. will assume the role of IDC Past-President. David Gibbon of Callaghan Letellier Wiens Gibbons Facility Planning & Design Inc. has been elected to the role of IDC President-Elect, leaving his role as Secretary/Director at Large. Dorothy Stern, professor of interior design at Algonquin College, will begin her two-year term as Director of Education along with Rachel Clarida, RA Design, who will be taking on the role of Director at Large. Meanwhile, Past-President Jenny Mueller-Garbutt, MQN Interiors, will be taking on the role of Chair of the Board of Governors.

IDC's Export Mission to India: A Post Mission Report

Ten IDC members, along with IDC Executive Director, Susan Wiggins, travelled to India to explore opportunities for working in the region. The Mission was offered as part of the Global Opportunities for Associations (GOA) program of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) and took place from September 26 to October 5. The visit to India marked the third export mission that IDC has offered to members, with prior missions to the UAE and China.

In India, the members split their time between Mumbai and Delhi. In each city, Susan Wiggins had organized numerous meetings including a key meeting with the Canadian Consulate on the first day. This is the most important meeting when attending a trade mission. Local representatives of the Canadian government are there to help Canadians interested in doing business in the region. In each city, the presentation covered the current economic climate, the potential for opportunities in interior design and an overview of the process and protocol for working with Indian businesses.

Upcoming Events

IDS12 Interior Design Show - January 26 to 29 2012: Connecting the right people with the right product in the right place.

The Interior Design Show is Canada's largest contemporary design fair. Since the doors first opened in 1999, IDS has been visited by over 500,000 design professionals, design-savvy consumers and media; it has served as a design industry hub providing a unique and unrivalled business opportunity for thousands of design-forward businesses. Each year world-renowned designers and architects participate as keynote speakers and create inspiring feature exhibits. Located in the city of Toronto, Canada's economic engine, IDS provides an annual catalyst for millions of dollars spent on design; and has helped significantly to place Toronto on the design map. \mathcal{A}

The Promise

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stay abreast of issues related to "The Promise" values, and seek advice from like-minded colleagues on how to better protect the rights of future generations. The site will also provide some tools to assist with spreading the word. For example, "The Promise" kit is a collection of documents designed to facilitate the creation of events to raise awareness of "The Promise" in different organizations, which can currently be accessed by e-mailing the group at promisetofuturegen@ gmail.com.

"Spreading the word" often means finding a champion within various firms. Identification of an organizational champion is essential to success. To date, champions within organizations like the Toronto Construction Association and GENIVAR have emerged naturally as proponents who are passionate about protecting the rights of future generations and who are excited about modifying the ways in which we approach our decision-making.

So how can you make a difference within your own organization? Although our individual contributions may seem small, collectively we can bring about change. Protecting the rights of future generations is really a human rights issue and Bobby Kennedy saw how individuals can collectively bring about change in the way we view human rights.

"It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope; and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance." *Robert Kennedy*, *1966*

What began as a modest idea is growing and is becoming a current of change in the way we view the rights of future generations.

The challenges that humanity faces today are complex and often interrelated. In order to make more responsible decisions, collaboration between people of different backgrounds and professions is required. "The Promise" is one way to change the way we approach decision-making because by signing "The Promise," an individual becomes ethically bound to consider the longterm consequences of their actions.

If every signatory does all they can within their own sphere of influence to make the world a better place, together we can make future generations proud.

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Winter Course Line-up



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The Principles of Construction Documentation and Specifier 2 courses are quickly drawing to a close with students preparing for the final exams. As we complete the fall term, CSC is preparing registration for our winter courses. This term, CSC is offering Construction Contract Administration, Specifier 1

and Technical Representative courses.

These courses will be presented provided they have full enrollment. For now the dates and locations listed below have been confirmed.

Construction Contract Administration

The Construction Contract Administration (CCA) course is designed for those individuals involved in construction administration. This includes contract administrators, property managers, architects, engineers, interior designers, specification consultants, building authorities, and bonding and insurance agencies. The student will have successfully completed the Principles of Construction Documentation course.

This program will be held at the Fairview Public Library, located at 35 Fairview Mall Drive. This course is scheduled to commence on Monday, January 9, 2012 and will run for 14 weeks ending on April 2, 2012.

Specifier 1

Specifier 1 is an intermediate level course that will take the individual beyond the concepts previously introduced in the Principals of Construction Documentation (PCD) course. Although some of the same topics are included in this course, the depth of comprehension and explanation exceed that of the PCD course. The Specifier 1 course is a prerequisite for the Certified Specification Practitioner (CSP) designation from CSC. Successful completion of the course may be credited toward the experience component requirements for the Registered Specification Writer (RSW) designation.

This program will be held at the Fairview Public Library, located at 35 Fairview Mall Drive. This course is scheduled to commence on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 and will run for 13 weeks ending on May 2, 2012.

Technical Representative

The Technical Representative (TR) course will provide a better understanding of contract documents and bidding procedures, product representation, professionalism and ethics, and will provide a new depth of understanding and explanation of concepts beyond what was previously introduced in the PCD course. The course is designed for the individual involved in the supply section of the construction industry, such as manufacturer representatives, agents or distributors of products.

This course will be held at 120 Carlton Street, Toronto starting on Monday, January 9, 2012 and will run for 16 weeks ending on April 30, 2012.

Registration Information

Course details, including location, costs and schedule of dates and times can be found on pages 22-23. Visit http://toronto.csc-dcc.ca/Education/ Education+in+Toronto for more information or to register. Register early to avoid disappointment.

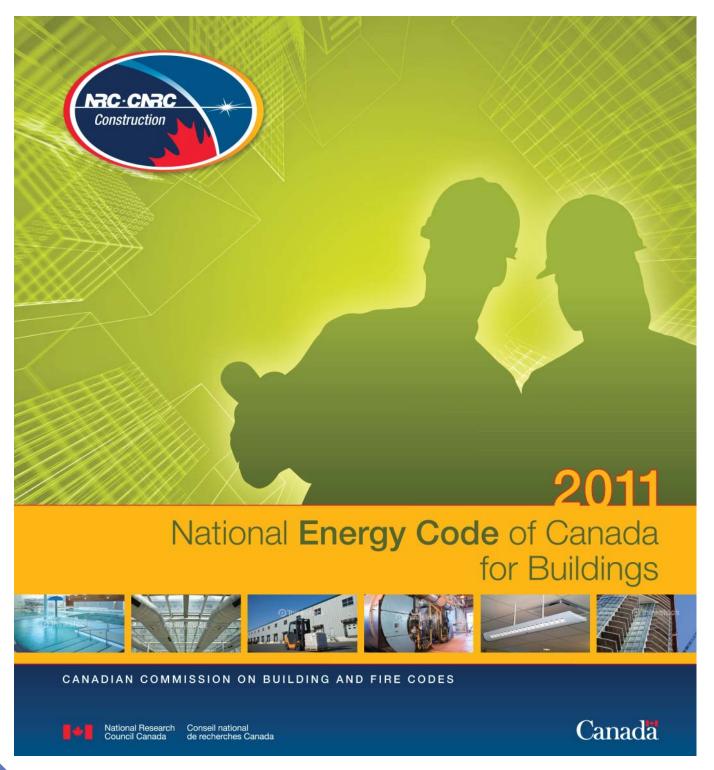
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If you have any questions about the courses listed above, please contact Emily Chau, Professional Development Officer at 416-499-3181, ext 1155 or via email at echau@ morrisonhershfield.com. #

Upcoming release of the 2011 National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings

October 2011

A t its spring 2011 meeting, the Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes (CCBFC) voted to approve the final proposed changes slated for inclusion in the *National Energy Code of Canada for* Buildings 2011 (NECB). This critical vote ensured that the NECB could be published this fall. The CCBFC also acknowledged the tremendous work by CCBFC standing committee members and the technical support staff of *Cont'd on Page 13*



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NECB 2011

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the National Research Council of Canada (NRC) to finish it in the short time available.

The NECB is the result of an extensive consultation process involving stakeholders from Canadian industry, multiple levels of government (federal, provincial, territorial and municipal), the construction industry, and the general public. It was developed by the CCBFC, with technical support and funding provided by the National Research Council of Canada and Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) as part of its commitment to improving the energy efficiency of Canadian buildings and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. For the first time ever, the NECB places Canada on a comparable footing with most countries that lead the world in energy efficient building construction.

Key characteristics

The new code contains close to 245 technical changes from the 1997 Model National Energy Code of Canada for

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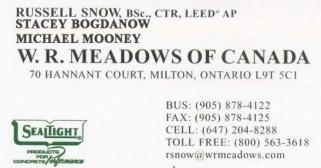
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Buildings (MNECB) that address a host of issues such as the building envelope; lighting; heating, ventilation and air-conditioning; service water heating; electrical power systems and motors; and building energy performance compliance. Its technical requirements also accommodate the many new technologies and construction practices that have emerged in Canada over the past 15 years.

The NECB is an objective-based code with each provision having related objective-based information, including objectives and functional statements as well as intent statements.

The development of the NECB was initiated by the CCBFC in response to stakeholder requests to add a new objective on energy efficiency to the National Model Construction Codes. Based on consultations and a detailed policy analysis, the CCBFC concluded that regulations were an effective tool to support the policy direction of increased energy efficiency for buildings and that a national model code on energy efficiency was justifiable to effectively address an overall objective related to the environment, with a subobjective focused on resource conservation and future potential sub-objectives on reduced greenhouse gas emissions, infrastructure capacity and energy security, as well as to address the policy goal of harmonization of construction codes across Canada. The CCBFC observed that other tools, such as education, incentives and labeling programs, also contribute to successful achievement of an overall energy efficiency policy.

A key characteristic of the NECB is its overall performance improvement compared with the MNECB. The goal underlying development of its technical requirements was for a 25% improvement over the 1997 Code. The actual target achieved will be 26.2%, as determined in an external consultant's evaluation. This result is a weighted average for the whole country and is based on many factors, including the energy performance level from which a region started. Its impact will be less in regions where energy efficiency construction practice is already higher than that specified in the MNECB and greater for those starting from a lower energy efficiency performance.

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Another important characteristic is its flexibility. As with all other national model codes, provinces and territories will be able to adopt the NECB as is or tailor it to suit their particular jurisdictional needs. The CCBFC will offer detailed guidance to those jurisdictions who, for policy reasons, may want to amend the Code.

The NECB addresses the energy used by the building, irrespective of the energy source, with no exemption within the prescriptive requirements for any type of assembly construction. As lighting of unoccupied interior spaces is an unnecessary use of energy, it requires the installation of automatic lighting controls for many applications. It also requires the installation of heat recovery equipment for most occupancy types (the exception being self-contained residential units in some climate zones) as this produces significant energy savings by minimizing the loss of waste heat.

A review of the minimum equipment efficiency standards contained in the Energy Efficiency Act (EEA) for heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC), as well as service water heating, determined that they were below current industry practice. As a result, the NECB sets a minimum efficiency in the prescriptive path based on the industry's median level for most HVAC and service water heating applications. Reduced equipment efficiencies to the floor level set by the EEA will still be allowed through the code's trade-off or performance compliance approaches.

Prescriptive building envelope requirements set a maximum fenestration-to-wall ratio that varies based on the local climatic conditions (i.e. heating-degree days). The ratio is set at 0.40 for locations with heating-degree days of 4000°C or less, and 0.20 for locations with heat-ing-degree days of 7000°C or more. The ratio for areas with heating-degree days between these two values varies linearly. The NECB allows deviation from this when using the trade-off or performance compliance approaches.

The NECB also contains specific prescriptive provisions in the building envelope trade-off and performance compliance paths to deal with semi-heated spaces.

These major changes will be explained further in free online presentations expected to be available on the national codes website (www.nationalcodes.ca) in January 2012. The NECB was published on November 18, 2011. To order a copy, please visit the NRC Virtual Store (www.nrc.gc.ca/virtualstore).

For more information, please contact Cathy Taraschuk at (613) 993-0049 or e-mail cathleen.taraschuk@ nrc-cnrc.gc.ca.

Spec corner...



In your outline spec, what do you mean by "gdoing-gdoinggdoingy thingy?"

> To keep the doors from opening all the way and smashing their hardware into the drywall.



Door stops. Sure, but my way is more memorable.



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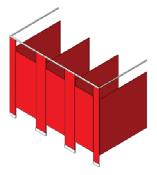
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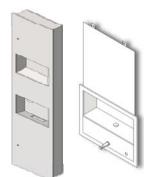
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Course Outline:

- Industry Participants and Documents Review
- The Specifier and Contract Administration
- Regulatory Requirements and Master Specifications
- Specification Production
- Specifier as a Research and Information Resource
- Information Storage and Retrieval
- Short Form Specifications and Check lists
- Preliminary Project Descriptions and Outline Specifications
- Contract Documents and Contractual Issues
- Selecting Building Materials

Specifier 1 Course Information

Course begins: Wednesday, January 11, 2012

From 6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. and will run for 13 weeks (ending May 2, 2012)

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Course Outline:

- Construction Industry participants
- Bidding Requirements and Process
- Alternatives and Substitutions
- Standards and Regulatory Influences
- Site Activities
- Execution of the Work
- Certificate of Payment
- Changes in the Work
- Dispute Resolution

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- Construction Insurance
- Construction Surety Bonds
- Guaranties and Warranties
- Project Submittal
- Field Services and Quality Control
- Clerk of the Works
- Contract Close-Out
- Commissioning
- Definitions and Resources

CCA Course Information

Course begins: Monday, January 9, 2012

From 6:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. and will run for 14 weeks (ending April 2, 2012)

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Course Outline:

- The Project Manual and Drawings
- The Technical Representative and Consultants
- Construction Product Selection Process
- Materials Selection and Substitutions
- Construction Product Representation
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- Contract Administration and Field Services

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