

NEWS FROM YOUR CHAPTER

Have a look at what has been going on with the Ottawa Chapter and what is coming up!

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Chair's Message - by Brian Hepworth, CCCA

What a year it has been! As this calendar year is coming to a close, we can take a moment and look back at what we have accomplished in our work and personal lives, and wish each other warm wishes for the New Year.

Looking forward, we will continue to bring the suite of CSC educational courses to Ottawa, with the PCD course being offered in January. If you know anyone who is interested in taking these courses, don't hesitate to drop us a line. We will also run our Annual Connections Café this spring, as this event continues to be our flagship event annually. We will also have two more breakfast meetings coming up, so keep an eye on your inboxes and our website.

I know the next year will be exciting, with many new projects and changes in this city, so let's have some fun!

Happy Holidays from the CSC-DCC Ottawa Executive Team to you and yours!

Education in Ottawa

The Ottawa CSC Chapter is happy to be offering the Principles of Construction Documentation course this winter.

The course will take place over 5 Saturdays. from 8:30am to 4pm : January 19, January 26, February 2, February 9, and February 16. Please note that the last Saturday will be the Exam Day, and as such the hours might be slightly different.

The course will be held at 17 Fitzgerald Road, Suite 200, Nepean, K2H 9G1.

To sign up, please use the [Eventbrite](#) page. If you have any questions regarding the course, please contact Ali Ahrabi via email at cscdccOTT.education@gmail.com.

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Director's Message - by Jeff Halashewski, RSW

First of all, I would like to thank the Ottawa Chapter for a warm welcome to Ottawa.

The last 10 years in Edmonton were great, but I am really looking forward to seeing where things go with the Ottawa Chapter. Since Charbel's notice of stepping down from the Director position, there was no time to post the position so, I put my name forward to the Ottawa Chapter Executive and they voted me in as the new Chapter Director. This is a two-year term ending Spring of 2020.

So if you have any questions or concerns or even some good news that I can forward on to the Association office feel free to contact me at cscottawa@gmail.com

What does a Director Do???

Well, from what I can tell the Director holds a very important position within the Chapter, and an important part of CSC as a whole. Duties are as follows:

- Attend all Board meetings and be prepared to deal with the business of the Board.
- Govern and administer the Constitution By-laws, and policies of the Association.
- Actively and conscientiously participate in the business and affairs of the Board.
- Serve as liaison between the Board and Chapter members
- Report to the Association and Board all matters of importance arising at the Chapter level.
- Provide timely input and advice on issues, proposals and activities brought to, and developed by, the Board.
- Participate on CSC committees and subcommittees.
- Effectively transmit and promote the Association plans, programs and policies to the Chapter membership by:
 - The chapter newsletter "Specifier", summarizing each Board Meeting.
 - Verbal report to the Chapter Executive at Chapter Executive meetings

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Board Members in attendance, October 2018:

President Paul Gerber	Secretary/ Treasurer Don Shortreed	Grand Valley Chapter Russ Snow	Regina Chapter Rick Hadubiak
1 st VP Greg Hofsted	Executive Director Nick Franjic	Hamilton Niagara Chapter Stan Bury	Saskatoon Chapter Brennen Mills
2 nd VP Wyatt Eckert	Registrar Keith Robinson	London Chapter Kees Govers	Toronto Chapter Steve Gusterson
3 rd VP Kim Thompson	Atlantic Chapter Scott Cuning	Montreal Chapter Yvon Lachance	Vancouver Chapter Kelly Sawatzky
4 th VP Kaz Kanani	Calgary Chapter Tim Simpson	Ottawa Chapter Jeff Halashewski	Vancouver Island Chapter David Graham
Past President David Boyle	Edmonton Chapter Kevin Osborne	Quebec Chapter Guy Houle	Winnipeg Chapter Barb Boroskae

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The following items are just highlights on the Directors meeting. Next meeting in March 2019!

Marketing

1. Marketing Committee Update: Some may not know but the Marketing Committee has created a new position for the Chapters across Canada, to better communicate the needs of Chapters and to create marketing initiatives and directions to keep consistency between Chapters. This week the first Marketing Committee meeting with all the Chapter Marketing Liaison's took place. We are looking for good things to happen here!
2. National Website & Chapter Web Pages: The Marketing Committee has engaged a company to work on the new website. We will be looking for updates at the March 2019 Board of Directors Meeting. The launch should coincide with the National Conference in Regina.
3. Social Media: Twitter presence for all chapters are now active! When you get a chance follow the Chapter and engage the executive at a social media level.
4. Awards Banners: Ideas have been bouncing around for the past few years whether to keep the paper banners or look for an alternative. Outcome has been decided, the Chapter Awards are being transferred into a digital format. Chapters have been requested to send their banners to the Association office to get the process started.
5. CSC Courses and Colleges: Since we now have a few colleges under our belt, the Marketing Committee is looking to the future and engaging other colleges across Canada. Current colleges hosting the PCD as part of their curriculum are as follows: Centennial College, Humber College, George Brown, Sheridan College & Ryerson University.

Translation Committee

1. The translation committee was formed to translate smaller documents for the association office and other committee at the National Level. Looking forward with the different marketing initiatives the translation committee is expected to be busy over the next year. Translation committee members are as follows:
 - Yvon Lachance, Montreal Chapter
 - Fanny Bertrand, Montreal and Ottawa Chapter
 - Philip Caron, Montreal Chapter
 - Pierre Hebert, Montreal Chapter
 - Michel Theauvette, Ottawa chapter

Designations

1. RSW: 1 new RSW in 2017 (Jeff Halashewski). Currently 14 Specifiers pursuing their RSW designation.
2. CSP: 6 new CSP members in 2017.
3. CTR: 10 new CTR's in 2017.
4. CCCA: 14 members working towards CCCA designation.

Conferences

2019 Regina 2020 Montreal 2021 Saskatoon 2022 Ottawa
2023 still open, Chapter that is open to have a Conference must provide a presentation at the next Board Meeting in March 2019.

Chapter Award of Merit

2018 Ottawa Chapter had no nominations, I challenge the membership to contact our Nominations Officer (John Cooke) and send name of members you have seen make a difference within the association.

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Lifetime Membership Awards

2018 Lifetime Membership Award:

- John Cooke FCSC RSW,
- Peter Semchuck FCSC RSW CCA

2019 Nominations have opened and will close mid-February. If you intend on providing a nomination for a Lifetime Membership Award, please contact your Chapter Director and they will help out with getting signatures required for this Award.

College of Fellows Nominations

2018 College of Fellow induction:

- Peter Hiebert FCSC, CTR

2019 Nominations have opened and will close mid-February. If you intend on providing a nomination for the College of Fellows contact your Chapter Director and they will help out with getting signatures required for the nominations process.

Strategic Plan 2018 and Beyond

A copy of the Strategic is included in the email you've received which goes through the Association's Vision, Values and Mission. Every member should be aware of this document as it is a part of us, as an association.

I am looking forward to the March Board of Directors Meeting. I will send out my report in the Spring Specifier.

Get to Know your 2018-2019 Ottawa Chapter Executive!

So we thought it would be a good idea to introduce ourselves by presenting 3 quick facts about each of ourselves! So next time you see us - please come and say hello!



2018-2019 Executive

Director - Jeff Halashewski, RSW

- I moved from Edmonton, Alberta, 8 months ago to join Architecture49.
- I am originally from Woodstock, Ontario and graduated from Fanshawe College (Architectural Technologist)
- I fear speaking in public.

Chair & Membership Officer - Brian Hepworth, CCCA

- I grew up in Ottawa and have worked for the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board for the past 10 years.
- I was introduced to CSC by a coworker, and have received my CCCA designation.
- I enjoy travelling, sports, and food, and try to combine them whenever I can to sample the local culture.

Treasurer - Justin Tudor, P.Eng.

- I'm a Engineer, specializing in building envelope restoration for Keller Engineering.
- I split my time between offices in Ottawa and Calgary.
- I've lived in 5 provinces and 12 houses, had 7 cats, 2 dogs, 3 kids, a fish, and a wife.

Education & Certification Officer - Ali Ahrabi, M.Sc, CTR, P.Eng. ing.

- I am a professional Civil/structural engineer currently working for Hilti as a Project Manager.
- My journey with CSC started in the 2015 conference in Winnipeg and I'm a CSC member since then.
- I consider myself Marco Polo since I have lived in 9 different cities across the world throughout my life.

Program and Events Officer - Mark Buckshon

- I am a publisher of regional & national Construction publications in Canada and the U.S.
- I was introduced to CSC in 1991. I have served many years on the executive and 2 years as Chair.
- Wishing to be a foreign correspondent, I lived & worked as a journalist in Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) from 78-80.

Marketing & Communications Officer & Student Liaison Officer - Fanny Bertrand, OAQ, LEED AP

- I am an architect originally from Montreal, working at the National Research Council of Canada in Ottawa.
- I was introduced to CSC in 2013 & involved in the Montreal Chapter before moving to Ottawa last year.
- I lived in Chile for 5 years. Absolutely loved it, so as a souvenir, I brought back my wonderful husband! :)

Engineering Officer - Chris Vopni

- I am a Structural Engineer working at John G. Cooke & Associates in Ottawa.
- I've been involved in CSC since 2008 when I completed the PCD and CCCA courses.
- I've worked as a photo editor for the International Ice Hockey Federation.

Chapter Advisor & Nomination Officer - John Cooke, P.Eng., FCSC, RSW

- I am a Structural Engineer, specializing in Conservation, and an RSW.
- With CSC since 1993, I've been the better for it. I am a Past President (2007) & have sat on many Committees.
- Founded John G Cooke and Associates Ltd, with 3 partners in 1992.
- In business 26 years, in Canada 38 years: 5 in Calgary, 3 in Toronto, and the rest in Ottawa!

Hope you enjoyed getting to know us better! Don't hesitate to contact us!

Next Event in Ottawa

Please join us at our Next event, part of our Breakfast Series, on January 17th, 2019, from 7:30 am, at the Ottawa Conference and Event Centre, located at 200 Coventry Road, Ottawa, K1K 4S3

An Overview of CSA A23.1/2-2018 for Specifiers of Concrete Floors

Specifiers of concrete floors are encouraged to join us for a special presentation by the Concrete Floor Contractors Association on updates to the new edition of CSA A23.1/2-2018 “concrete materials and methods of concrete construction”.

For more information or to purchase your ticket, please visit our [Eventbrite](#) page!

National Codes Public Reviews

Public review on proposed changes to the 2015 editions of Codes Canada publications takes place from November 7, 2018 to January 4, 2019.

The Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes (CCBFC) would like to invite your organization and its members—as important stakeholders in the development of Codes Canada publications—to take part in the [fall 2018 public review](#) of proposed changes to the 2015 national model codes.

Codes Canada publications, comprising the National Building, Fire, Plumbing and Energy Codes, are model codes developed by the CCBFC that the provinces and territories can adopt as is, or with modifications, as part of their building, fire and plumbing regulations.

The [public review](#) is one of the principal steps in the process for updating national code documents, providing a nation-wide forum where anyone can review and comment on the changes proposed. Following the review, CCBFC Standing Committees will consider all comments and make final recommendations on each proposed change. Subject to approval by the CCBFC, the final changes will be published by NRC in the 2020 editions of Codes Canada publications.

The public review will run from **November 7, 2018 to January 4, 2019** on the Codes Canada Web site, www.CodesCanada.ca.

This third public review of the 2015 code cycle focuses on changes being proposed to the 2015 editions of the [National Building Code \(NBC\)](#), the [National Fire Code \(NFC\)](#) and the [National Plumbing Codes \(NPC\)](#). No changes are being proposed for the National Energy Code for Buildings this public review.

The CCBFC wishes to thank your organization and its membership for contributing to the development of Codes Canada publications.

We invite you to forward this message to your membership and stakeholders so as to ensure the greatest possible awareness and participation.

For further information, please contact Anne Gibbon, Secretary to the CCBFC, at NRC.CCBFCSecretary-SecretaireCCBPI.CNRC@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca.

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News from Other Chapters

Montreal

Montreal Chapter's next dinner-conference is to be held on February 20th. The presentation will explore a strategy that NRC has developed along with collaborators from Canada and the US to close the gap between the performance and work results. The presentation will be in French and the presenter will be Fanny Bertrand, from NRC. For more information, please visit the chapter website at: <http://montreal.csc-dcc.ca/>.

As the 2020 National Conference Host City, the chapter is currently looking for volunteers to help the organization. If interested, please contact Isabelle Buisson at montreal@csc-dcc.ca or 514-324-0968.

Quebec City

2019 will start with a bang for CSC in Quebec City!! On January 24th, the members and friends of the Chapter will participate in an Indoor Golf Tournament! More information to come on the Chapter's [Eventbrite](#) page.

Dinner-Conferences are also to be held on February 4th, March 4th, April 1st (Yes, really! Not an April prank! :) and May 6th. Keep looking at the Chapter's [Eventbrite](#) page, for more info.

CSC Strategic Plan for 2018 & Beyond

As every year, the Strategic Plan for CSC has been updated. Please make sure you take the time to read it and feel free to reach out to our Director for comments or questions.

You can find a copy through a link inside the email message that was sent along with this edition.

Season's wishes!



**All the Executive Team of
CSC Ottawa Chapter
wishes you a very
Happy Holiday & a Fantastic New Year!**

See you all in 2019!

