

# TORONTO CHAPTER E-SPECIFIER

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## CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the CSC Toronto Chapter 2022/2023 year. I am humbled to serve the CSC membership as Chair of the Toronto Chapter Executive Committee. I am looking towards this new year with eagerness. We were able to have the first in-person events in 2 years, including the Building Expo in April,

the May dinner meeting, and CSC Annual Conference. It is anticipated that we will be able to continue our in-person events through this year.

For those who don't know me, I've been in the architectural design space for over 20 years, working at Aeroustics Engineering Ltd., an acoustical engineering consulting firm. I primarily deal with contract administration for various projects, large and small, across the country. One fun fact about me is that I have visited and worked on projects in each of the provinces.

I would like to thank Bob Hartogsveld for his term as chair last year, in helping to steer through the ever-changing rules and regulations brought on by the pandemic. While sometimes unseen, Bob has contributed to the Executive Committee and CSC Toronto Chapter membership in numerous ways throughout his years serving the Executive Committee. Thank you!

On August 11, 2022, we hosted the Annual Toronto Chapter Golf Tournament at the Richmond Hill Golf and Country Club, including a late lunch banquet. It was a great day of fun, sun, and camaraderie with everyone. I would like to thank Kaz Kanani for coordinating this outstanding event, in addition to all his duties as President of CSC.

I am excited to work with this new iteration of the CSC Toronto Chapter. I sincerely thank Isabelle Champagne, Rajiv Rattan, Lee-Ann Harriott, and Ashley McKay for their hard work and volunteer hours this past year. They

will be missed, but we know that they are still deeply connected to the CSC community. Please welcome the new executive committee members including Iain Stuart (Chapter Director), Shammanna Kelamangalam (Marketing Officer), Sarah Lake (Interior Design Officer), Patricia Espinola (Engineering Officer), Kevin Becessar (Program Committee Co-Officer), and Roger Ali (Treasurer). Russell Ibbotson is also returning as the Professional Development Officer. In addition, I want to extend a huge welcome to Melissa Abbey, who is our new administrator. It is a big relief to, once again, have someone supporting the administrative duties of the Executive Committee.

We do have one vacancy, which is that of Vice-Chair. If you are interested in the role, to prepare to lead next year, please reach out to me.

The entire executive committee has already been hard at work preparing a great 2022/2023 year for you, the members. We will be reaching out for volunteers to help with the various events throughout the year. I have always said that CSC is a truly unique organization, in that we encompass all aspects of the design and construction community. I, personally, have benefited from learning about different design and construction techniques, even when it does not directly affect my area of expertise.

I truly believe that we, the CSC Toronto Chapter Executive Committee, are here to serve you, the membership. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the Executive Committee, including myself, at any time. We welcome your input, comments, and suggestions to improve our events and offerings throughout the year.

**Kiyoshi Kuroiwa, CCCA**  
**Chapter Chair**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Is it just me or is 2022 feeling like the world is changing rapidly before our very eyes, sometimes daily. Lucky for you CSC Toronto Chapter is your rock to which you can count on for stability and sanity in your hectic, and every changing, lives. As Director for the Toronto Chapter I wish to remind you that I am a member, albeit a member with a few additional responsibilities as it relates to the Chapter and the Board, but nevertheless a member, like you. In general terms I am interested and concerned with the health and activity of our Chapter. In more specific terms I provide reports on Chapter activities to the Board of Directors and the Executive Council, provide a guiding hand to the Chair that ensures the Chapter is following our ethos, and to communicate Board activities to our Chapter Executive Committee so that we remain focused on our organization's larger and Nationwide goals.

As a member I encourage you, fellow members, to take part in the Chapter and its activities. Reading these articles is a very passive way to engage. Have a look at some of our Chapter sponsors webpages as they help to provide needed funding for our various Chapter activities and functions. Those two ideas cost nothing and took no effort on your part to engage. Feeling more adventurous? Get away from those TikTok videos and head on down to one of our Dinner Meetings held (nearly) monthly, earn a learning credit and work on those human interaction skills once again. We can have fun too. Sign up for the golf tournament and make your Teams or Zoom meetings from passenger seat of the golf cart, your clients would understand.

I look forward to our upcoming year together.

**Iain Stuart, CTR**  
**Chapter Director**



# SPECIFICATIONS

As we kick off a new CSC 2022-2023 year, we will be planning a new series of the CSC Peer Discussion Group and start engaging moderators for discussion topics. All of us are involved with specifications in one way or another. Whether you are an Architect, Engineer, Contract Administrator, Interior Designer, Project Manager, Supplier, Manufacturer, Contractor, or a Specification Writer. From all stages of development in design, contract documentation, construction, and project competition. There is much to discuss and explore around our shared everyday challenges and experiences. We will continue to have discussion topics themed around the association's education offerings for Contract Administration, Specifications and Technical Representatives.

We will be meeting back in person and likely with the addition of an online platform for additional collaboration of members from other Chapters who would like to participate. This should spark some new and engaging perspectives.

Stay tuned for details. Registration will be on the Karelo website. Please feel free to send us any items of interest based on the discussion topic theme you may like to propose for discussion.

**Kenny Tam**  
Specifications Officer



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## THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:





## MEET YOUR NEW ENGINEERING OFFICER

For those of you that may not know me, let me introduce myself. My name is Patricia Espinola, I have worked for more than 20 years in the construction industry, however, the last 10 years have been in building science. My first memory of boots on the ground was with my father on his construction site as a cement finisher when I was 7 years old. So needless to say my fascination with construction started there. Art was my favourite subject throughout Elementary school and that turned into architecture in high school. I was one of two girls in my construction tech class where I learned the basics of residential construction. I enjoyed learning construction theories, but my passion was more hands-on construction, so I graduated from Conestoga College with a Construction Engineering Technology Diploma.

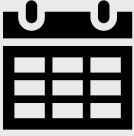
I dove headfirst into the specifications world when I took the position of Design and Specifications Manager with Forsmith Building Science Consultants. I have been an official CSC member for just a year now but attended events as a non-member over the years. I became a CSP last fall and now this will be my first year being part of the Toronto Chapter Executive.

I'm super excited to be the Chapter's Engineering Officer, and to be actively involved with the association. Some of my responsibilities is to Increase awareness of CSC to Engineers and Engineering Technologists and work with Professional Development to promote the CSP/RSW/CCCA designations and explore PCD/CCA/Specifier in-house programs for Engineers and Engineering Technologists.

Looking forward to this new season.

If you have any questions, thoughts, ideas, etc., please forward them to me via email.

**Patricia Espinola, CSP**  
**Engineering Officer**



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

### IN-PERSON CHAPTER DINNER MEETINGS:

SEPTEMBER 13, 2022:

[DESIGNING A COST  
EFFECTIVE RAINSCREEN  
FACADE WITH HPL](#)

OCTOBER 4, 2022

NOVEMBER 22, 2022 (tentative)

JANUARY 10, 2023

Chapter celebration

FEBRUARY 7, 2023

APRIL 4, 2023

May 2, 2023

Annual Chapter Meeting

MARCH 1, 2023:

[45<sup>TH</sup> CSC TORONTO CHAPTER  
BUILDING EXPO](#)



## THE 45TH CSC TORONTO CHAPTER BUILDING EXPO

Planning for the 45<sup>th</sup> edition of the Annual CSC Toronto Chapter Building Expo will commence soon.

The 2023 Expo is scheduled for **Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>**. We look forward to welcoming everyone to this half-day in-person event from 11 am to 6 pm at the South Building, Metro Toronto Convention Centre. The Expo will kick off with the Luncheon and keynote address, moving to the Trade Show Hall where attendees can choose from 3 industry-related, technical seminars. **Mark your calendar!**

The first order of business is to determine a theme for the Expo. Suggestions for topics or speakers you would like to hear from would be most welcome. Send along your ideas and suggestions to me or any of the Committee members.

If you are interested in joining the organizing committee, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. We welcome the addition of more Members participating in the planning and execution of the Expo as there are many components to making the day a success. There are many interesting

facets in planning the event from garnering sponsorships and trade show exhibitors to seminar speakers, to communications planning and promotions and to helping on-site the day of the Expo.

We will continue to share more details as they become available.

**Bob Hartogsveld, CTR, CCCA**  
**Past Chair, Contractor/Trade**  
**Officer, CSC Building Expo**  
**Chair**





# MARKETING

"Plava" the year of smooth sailing as per the Hindu calendar has stood up to be true as far as this year is concerned. Though 2022 had a stuttering start, we have moved rapidly to get back to normalcy. Beginning with our Building Expo, our in-person dinner meeting and the Annual Conference we have been cruising along with no major setbacks. This is Shamanna Kelamangalam, your Marketing Officer for 2022-2023, welcoming you to near normal year. This is my 15<sup>th</sup> year as a CSC (Construction Specifications Canada) member, and I continue to enjoy the various networking and learning opportunities that is offered at both the National and chapter level.



My role as the Marketing Officer has given me the chance to share the numerous opportunities that CSC has to offer with my industry peers. Focus is to market chapter events in the hope of bringing in increased awareness, participation, and an increase in membership. Various marketing channels will be explored to achieve this objective. Coffee break opportunities at target firms, participating in industry trade shows, working with other trade associations and of course the social media. I will be reaching out to volunteers to help me in increasing the awareness of CSC

Working with the Building show sub committee, I took on the marketing responsibility for the Building Expo last year. Must have done an excellent job as Russell Ibbotson suggested that I should consider the Marketing Officer role at the Chapter Executive. Thanks, Russell, for your suggestion and I am excited to be in this role.

CSC is one of the excellent associations that I have come across that not only educates but also provides many opportunities to network, participate in a team, volunteer, and build long lasting relationships with other members.

I look forward to working with Kiyoshi Kuroiwa and other Chapter Executive members in doing my part to bring awareness of CSC. I hope the year "Plava" continues its smooth sailing without much turbulence keeping everyone safe and healthy as we move towards normalcy.

**Shamanna Kelamangalam. CTR, WELL AP**  
**Marketing Officer**



## TREASURER

It is an honour to re-join the Toronto Chapter Executive Committee after a 12-year absence. For those of you who do not know, I served as Treasurer on previous Chapter Executive Committees for seven terms. Over the past 26 years as a CSC member, I have been fortunate to meet and network with many outstanding and dedicated specification writers and colleagues that I now consider friends. So I appreciate that my role within Henry a Carlisle Company, has provided an opportunity to re-join and work on behalf of CSC Toronto Chapter membership. I look forward to meeting and working with everyone on the Executive Committee to make 2022-2023 a financially successful year. Our path to a successful year, begins with the recently held CSC Golf Tournament at the Richmond Hill Golf Club. Based on the turnout the tournament appeared to be fully booked and appreciated by all who attended. We expect a positive financial result from the tournament and wish to thank Kaz Kanani, CSC President, for his ongoing support and management of this successful annual event.

Last but certainly not least, we need to say goodbye to an Executive Committee member, Ashley McKay. As Treasurer, Ashley's strong commitment and insight, has kept our Chapter financially healthy. So, on behalf of your friends and colleagues on the Committee, thank you Ashley for your dedication and for keeping the Chapter's finances strong during these challenging times, we wish you well in all your future endeavours.

**Roger Ali**

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Where did summer go? I hope you and yours had a relaxing and safe summer. And welcome back!

I am excited to continue on the CSC Toronto Chapter Executive as your Professional Development Officer. I have a few ideas, but before making any changes, I want to make sure I can deliver the basics. That said, I am always open to suggestions and ideas on how to improve. The CSC Toronto Chapter will be organizing two Principles in Construction Documentation, PCD, courses this fall for private groups. Unfortunately, this will not be open to members to registration. One of these courses will be run virtually and one in-person. Ted Katsoris will be teaching both groups. We continue to see the CSC courses and education as an opportunity to expand our membership and influence in the industry and hope that the 30+ participants will go on to membership and/or other CSC courses.

We have not confirmed the Winter 2023 courses yet. This is a great time to let me know if you are interested in a course as it is easier to get support in holding a course when we have a list of names of potential participants. Depending on the course, we can only run them if we have a minimum participants.

Our courses are very important and we could not run them without our teachers. It is important to keep developing teachers to ensure we have continuity and to increase our options for future course delivery. This coming winter term, long time teachers, Steve Gusterson, will be shadowed by one of our newest Executive members, Shamanna Kelamangalam, Marketing Officer, for the Technical Representative course.

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If you are interested in getting involved at the teacher level, please let me know and we can explore the fit and path to make it happen.

Finally, you may have received an email from Construction Canada promoting the CSC courses that the Association is hosting this coming year. The Association is hosting the PCD course in September and January in two formats, "online", 14 weeks, and "virtual", 5 weeks. They are also hosting the SP, TR, and CCA courses which are being offered virtually, 5 weeks, in November and March.

Registration form can be found here:

[https://www.csc-dcc.ca/assets/PdfUploads/166074349\\_9.pdf](https://www.csc-dcc.ca/assets/PdfUploads/166074349_9.pdf)

The cost for courses remains \$875 plus tax for members and \$1175 plus tax for non-members.

That's it from me for this eSpecifier. Special thanks to Isabelle for helping with my transition into this role.

I am CSC!

**Russel Ibbotson, CTR**

**Professional Development Officer**



## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Welcome back!

We're excited and looking forward to seeing everyone back at the dinner meetings this year. The last few years have been interesting to say the least. The pandemic has brought many challenges, it has also allowed for innovation. But the restrictions have been lifted and we have an exciting line-up of in-person technical presentations for you!

In September, we have Collette Hart and Nicolas Vanegas of Allied Technical Sales discussing rainscreen facades.

We're also looking at an "in-person" plant tour at a modular home developer in the Stoney Creek area. Stay tuned for more info.

I would like to welcome Kevin Becessar to the CSC Toronto Executive Committee as Program Committee Officer. He is the Commercial Architectural Representative for Custom Building Products. We are both looking forward to creating an exciting and engaging technical presentation program for all members this year. We look forward to seeing everyone back in-person! We are CSC!!!

**Kevin Becessar and Charles Bosworth**  
**Program Committee Officers**

## DO YOU HAVE A PRESENTATION IDEA?

Please feel free to reach out to us at:

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# ARCHITECTURE

Serving on the Executive Committee in the capacity as your Architectural Officer and Student Liaison, the past two years has been very challenging because of the pandemic, having to survive through a simulated world with no in person interaction. Obviously, it was equally difficult for faculty and the students as well but some how we managed to get things done as we became more adaptable to virtuality. With the help of zoom and other similar platforms, it became much easier to communicate, to hold meetings and, even social events.

During the pandemic, I was able to attend many virtual architectural design and technology events including Associations' Annual General Meetings (AGM), College Program Advisory Committee (PAC) meetings, Student Award Ceremonies and countless technical sessions offered by various organizations that have helped with Career Professional Development (CPD).

Although the colleges were closed to students, I was able to visit the Dr. Adel Esayed, Dean, Centre for Construction and Engineering Technologies at George Brown College, who graciously accepted the two Fred Clarke Memorial Scholarship, Certificates of Excellence, awarded to Prithvi Rao for Architectural Technology and Gayeoung Choi for Interior Design Technology.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we are managing to get through it and finally seeing light at the end of the tunnel as more and more in-person events are opening up! In fact, the next Toronto Chapter meeting will be in-person, on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 to be held at the Toronto Cricket, Skating and Curling Club and we will be reinstating the invitation of one professor and four of their students to attend each dinner meeting to introduce them to Construction Specifications Canada and all that it has to offer.

I trust everyone is having a wonderful summer with best regards,

**Brian Abbey**

**Architectural Officer, Student Liaison**

**Subcommittee Officer, One Day Seminar Chair**



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## INTERIOR DESIGN

We've endured some challenging times and spent a lot of time apart these last 2 and half years but I'm excited to join the CSC Toronto Chapter Executive for my first term as the Interior Design Officer to collaborate with our design community. When I joined Rockfon North America as the Architectural Sales Manager it was smack dab in the middle of the pandemic. I had to change how I went to market but more importantly I had to learn how to connect on a different level with my specifiers. There are certainly some key take-aways that we will all utilize from that virtual approach but now I am loving how we are starting to come back together, reintroduce ourselves, reinvent and grow. I look forward to working with the design community to broaden CSC's reach and develop further synergies between CSC and our trusted design partners.

**Sara Lake**  
**Interior Design Officer**

## A NEW LOOK

Let us know what you think!

We are trying out a new format for the Toronto Chapter E-Specifier, but it is a work in progress.

If you have comments or suggestions, or would like more information about the newsletter, please reach out to Laura Herbert at [lherbert@dialogdesign.ca](mailto:lherbert@dialogdesign.ca).

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