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Happy New Year from CSC Calgary

Message from the Chair - Jonathon Greenland

Welcome 2022! While when we say it out loud (twenty, twenty, too ③) it may seem a little ominous, we are hoping for a safe and healthy start to the year for all. Here's hoping you all have some fond memories made over the Holiday season with family and friends to get you through the cold that January and February bring. And as always, please reach out if anyone is in need of support during this time.

While we are all hoping for a full return to in-person meetings soon, we recognize that the nature of the COVID virus has us starting and stopping our plans for the safety of our members and their families. We will continue to plan our monthly meetings in a hybrid format in accordance with provincial guidelines to ensure that our community has a way to gather, network and

share information with one another. Instead of a burden, we want to take this opportunity to turn these setbacks into a positive opportunity for education and learning. Be sure to check the calendar and join, even if the seminar is only on in the background, to stay a part of what we've got planned.

Our social calendar planning is well underway for the year and we are hoping to include some favourites from the past such as the Pedal Pub, and the annual Golf Tournament. We are also planning another ATCO Blue Flame Kitchen virtual cooking class.

Watch our calendar over the next month as we add speakers to the monthly meetings, education course start dates, social calendar and social media posts, and reflections from our executive committee.

Stay warm! "A little progress each day adds up to big results"

I am CSC!

February dinner meeting

Hybrid in-person and virtual (restrictions permitting) Date: **Tuesday, February 8**, 2022 Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Topic: **The History of Flat Roofing: from one system to many, lessons learned, codes and standards, to what might be next** Speaker: Stephen Baxter, RRO RRC Location: The Winston

For more information and to register click on: February CSC Calgary meeting

Chapter Executive Spotlight - meet Jonathon Greenland

- I have been in the glazing industry for over 21 years now starting at the age of 14.
- I attended SAIT completing the Glazier 4 year program and becoming a Red Seal Journeyman Glazier.
- I have a passion for volunteering whether on associations or other events like Stampede Breakfast flipping pancakes.
- I am huge football and hockey fan following my favourite teams Calgary Stampeders, Calgary Flames and New England Patriots.
- I have had the pleasure to meet many professional athletes but one that stands out is Lisa "Longball' Vloosywk who was a guest speaker for CSC.

- I love to camp, golf and spend time with family and friends making new memories
- Favorite music is country.

Be sure to stay tuned for next newsletter to learn more about our chapter executive members

Chapter Updates

Membership

Don't forget to renew your CSC membership! You can download and pay your invoice online!

Awards

Now is the time to nominate a CSC Calgary chapter member for a **Chapter Award of Merit**. The Chapter Award of Merit recognizes the contribution to the advancement of CSC by an individual member at the Chapter Level, and acknowledges a CSC member's dedication to Chapter programs such as monthly meetings, education offering as well as leadership on Chapter committees If you know of someone who deserves this recognition, please contact awards committee chair <u>Peter Hiebert</u>. CSC Calgary is entitled to award three Chapter Awards of Merit.

Education:

No dates set for education, but we would like to run all CSC courses in Calgary, in-person, in 2022, once things with COVID are a little less strict. Starting with Principles of Construction Documentation (**PCD**) in Q1, followed by Construction Contract Administrator (**CCA**), Technical Representative (**TR**) and **Specifier** later in the year. The PCD is the prerequisite for all other courses. If you're interested, please email William Thompson at wafkthompson@gmail.com.

Canada's 2022 Construction Forecast

Canada's construction sector faced unprecedented challenges when the COVID-19 pandemic ravaged the global economy, but the speed of the industry's recovery showed just how resilient it was all along. Although challenges still remain, this year's *Canada Construction Forecast 2022* shows that even brighter days are ahead for the industry.

"There has never been a better time to embrace change and digitally connect your field and office teams. Ongoing innovation will enable the industry to keep pace with increasing complexity and build smarter," said Jas Saraw, Procore Technologies VP, Canada. The forecast takes a comprehensive look at the year ahead with highlights that include:

Speed of Recovery Surpassing Expectations

Forecasting by Global-Data had predicted Canada's construction sector would grow 2.5 per cent in 2021, but the actual figure is expected to be as high as 6.5 per cent. This is in large part due to an influx of investment into the residential construction sector, progress with vaccinations, and increased public spending in infrastructure and clean energy projects.

However, this unexpectedly speedy recovery is at odds with the pandemicconstrained building materials supply chain, resulting in shortages and unpredictable costs in materials like lumber and steel. Global property consultancy company Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL) concluded in its Q4 <u>2021 Canadian Construction Outlook report</u> that the sector will see more price and inventory stability as supply chain managers take steps to reduce bottlenecks over 2022.

An Impending Boom in Infrastructure Spending

The booming population in markets like Quebec, Ontario, and B.C. is creating an opportunity on the civil side of the construction sector, as cities are requiring more services as they increase in size, particularly new hospitals.

"With that growth it means a need for civil infrastructure, and I think there's more money being funded in those areas than in the past few years," says Chris Gower, PCL Construction's COO, Buildings. "There's certainly a need for more hospitals, and we're seeing some very large private-public partnerships being contemplated in various provinces."

Gower also points to more \$1 billion-plus mega projects coming up to bid than ever before, and the private sector restarting projects that were put on hold during the pandemic as factors contributing to a busy marketplace in 2022.

Labour Shortage Challenges

A constricted labour supply is a familiar challenge to construction firms worldwide, but its effects are expected to be acutely felt in 2022 as the Canadian construction sector faces the anticipated spike in demand.

John Gamble, President and CEO of the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies is bullish on 2022 for the sector, saying "business opportunities are going to be fairly robust." He warns, however, that "getting qualified people on the design side and on the construction side [is] certainly going to be a challenge."

Some governments are even getting behind efforts to attract young talent to the trades, with the Province of Nova Scotia recently eliminating the personal portion of personal income tax for the first \$50,000 of income for any construction trade worker under the age of 30.

Efforts like this, combined with initiatives the industry itself undertakes, can be a big draw for workers looking for a steady paycheck, and a path to paying off student loans.

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CCDC Document Webinars, a Canadian Construction Documents Committee (CCDC) initiative introduced in October to provide fundamental information related to the suite of standard documents, is back with another session covering CCDC 31 – 2020 <u>Service Contract Between Owner and Consultant</u>, taking place January 27, 2022 at 13:00 (ET). For more information and to register go to: <u>CCDC 31</u>

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