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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Trust and Partnership. What do those simple, but profound words mean? First and foremost, it means relationship. You can't have trust or a partnership without a relationship. Relationship takes time. Relationship means that it's a two-way street. Relationship is a genuine interest in people,

their interests, their struggles and their successes. It's not always about products or services. It's a genuine interest in the process to the final outcome, not just about selling. It's about discussing options and other products if necessary. Even when you don't have something specifically to contribute to a particular solution, maybe down the road, you will have something specific to offer, and that relationship has already been cultivated. I never know when I may need to call you. You never know when you may need to call me. If that relationship is solid, that phone call is an easy one to make. I have called my trusted partners to understand the logistics of a particular construction question, as a second opinion. If I didn't have that relationship, I might not have gotten that sober second opinion that I needed.

It was only 5 years ago that I went to my first conference in Kelowna, B.C. While I knew some of the Toronto chapter members, it was the openness that everyone at the conference showed me, where and how I got to know members from across the country, as well as some CSI members.

A couple of years back, just as I got onto the Executive Committee, my wife asked me why I joined CSC and wanted to contribute further as part of the Executive Committee. Ultimately, it was because I realized that the mission and values of CSC closely aligned with my personal values. Professionalism, collaboration, objectivity, and relevancy all speak to being

a trusted resource and a trusted partner. You are not only CSC Toronto Chapter members. I truly hope that you feel that you are part of the CSC family. A family that supports one another, not only professionally, but also personally. A family that is always willing to pick up the phone and ask "How can I help you?". A family that is willing to put time and effort into the relationships to continue to be a trusted partner to all.

We are CSC!

Kiyoshi Kuroiwa, CCCA
Chapter Chair

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

CSC Board of Directors meeting was held in Toronto this past September to discuss, among many items but not limited to, Chapter activity, Chapter membership strategy, marketing initiatives, CSC strategic planning and our vision.

Chapters began their in-person activities after a long period of only online activities such as lunch/dinner meetings, golf events, and Connections Café/tradeshows. The story across much of the country is there is some hesitancy due to either fewer corporate mandates to be in person or the virus is still very much prevalent. The events have generally broken even, at least in the Spring, to slightly more successfully financial events as the months went on. There is hard work ahead to bring people back in person and to remind them of our pillars to communicate, educate, and collaborate. CSC's value truly is omnichannel and Directors and the Executive Council are working diligently to keep our value so high.

Conference is absolutely a must attend event.

It is full of great technical sessions, Connections Café, networking, and of course the fun. Conference 2023 will be hosted by Calgary Chapter at the Calgary Westin Hotel with Jonathon Greenland, CTR as Conference Chair. 2023's theme is Pursing New Heights. Conference 2024 will be hosted by Montreal Chapter. For those who remember Conference 2020 was the first to go due to a new virus at the time called Coronavirus. We are all cheering for Montreal to have a successful Conference at Hotel Bonaventure. Conference 2025 is hosted by the Atlantic Chapter in St. John's, Newfoundland. Conference 2026 is undetermined at this time.

The resurgence of the Quebec Chapter with Younes Bader as Director is exciting for all those involved and exciting for CSC as well to bring our message to the design community in that pocket of our country. The Quebec Chapter is working closely with the Montreal Chapter for ideas about events, chapter activity, governance and so on. The membership is still in its infancy but is gaining new members which is a positive sign for Younes and their Executive Committee. Congratulations Younes.

After the Board of Directors meetings concluded the Board and Executive Council were treated to an unprecedented ceremony of an induction to the College of Fellows outside of the traditional Conference dates. President Kazim Kanani, FCSC, CCCA, CSP, CSI, gave a short ceremony to induct Greg Hofsted, FCSC into the College of Fellows. Greg was bestowed this honour in 2021, however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic no ceremony was held at that time.

At Conference 2022 in Niagara Falls, Wyatt Eckert, was inducted into the College of Fellows but was unable to attend due to personal matters. Wyatt resides in Regina and so at CSC Regina's Connections Café this past October the College of Fellows were able to hold a ceremony of Wyatt's induction into the College of Fellows in front of a few hundred exhibitors and attendees. Congratulations to Wyatt and Greg.

The Board of Directors meetings are a wonderful opportunity to discuss our trials and tribulations and to share perspective and ideas to help each other grow. I am thankful to be your CSC Toronto Chapter Director and have this opportunity to bring our unique culture to the discussion table.

I am CSC.

Iain Stuart, CTR
Chapter Director



STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION

Construction Specifications Canada (CSC) Grand Valley and Toronto Chapters are delighted to once again offer Ontario students of post-secondary architectural and interior design programs, the opportunity to participate in the 9th Annual Student Design Challenge.

The competition is a hypothetical redesign focused on hospitality. To that end, we are delighted to be partnering with Hip Developments. They have offered one of the buildings that comprise the Gas Light District in Cambridge (Galt) Ontario. Founded in 1859, The Goldie & McCulloch Company Ltd., a Canadian steam engine manufacturer, operated on this site in Cambridge (Galt) for 120 years until its closure in 1980. The Gaslight District will be home to residential, commercial, retail, art, dining, community and culture. It will pay homage to Cambridge's historic presence when streetscapes were graced with soft luminance.

We ask that students dare to dream and embrace the Challenge! Students may submit individually or in teams of up to 4 people. Qualifying entries will be judged by industry professionals. Students will have the opportunity to win \$2,000 for 1st place, \$1,000 for second and \$500 for third, while being publicly recognized across the country.



Complete contest requirements, details, updates and pertinent links will be posted on the "Tapping the Future" Student Design Challenge website: www.cscdesignchallenge.ca.

CSC values the new design professional and the contribution they will make to our industry. After all, they are our future!

Patricia Espinola, CTR
Engineering Officer

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS:





... AND JUST LIKE THAT, WE'RE BACK!

As indoor gathering restrictions have loosened in Ontario, we will be conducting in-person meetings again until further notice. It has been exciting, to say the least, to see everyone back at our dinner meetings.

In September, we had Collett Hart and Nicolas Vanegas of ATS (Allied Technical Sales) presenting "Designing a Cost Effective Rainscreen Facade with Compact HPL". This event was a great success. We had 45 people in attendance and for several of them, this was their first ever CSC dinner meeting.

In October, we had Bernie Doyle and Michael O'Connell of Inpro Corporation talking about "Commercial Washroom and Bathroom Design, including disability accommodation". This was a successful event as well. We had 43 people in attendance, with 6 of them being students from George Brown College.

We would like to thank Collette Hart and Nicholas Vanegas of ATS (Allied Technical Sales) as well as Bernie Doyle and Michael O'Connell of Inpro Corp for presenting to our membership. Both presentations showed great detail and examples for the audience .

Plant Tour; We normally hold our annual PLANT TOUR in November. However, due to unforeseen circumstances, we had to pivot and move the PLANT TOUR to April, 2023. This year, we will be touring The Automotive Centre of Excellence (ACE) Climatic Wind Tunnel at UOIT (Ontario Tech University) in Oshawa, Ontario. More information to follow.

This November 22nd, we have Chris Maskell, of The National Floor Covering Association, presenting to our membership - "Understanding and Preventing Flooring Covering Failures".

Please see link below to register for this event.

<https://www.karelo.com/register.php?BID=467&BT=10&Ev=20803>

Then in January 2023, we have CAWIC (Canadian Association Women in Construction) talking to our membership about the hurdles and issues they have had to overcome and where they are today.

More information to follow.

As always, we are open to suggestions for technical presentation topics. Please feel free to reach out to us at

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We are CSC!

Kevin Becessar and Charles Bosworth
Program Committee Officers

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

GRAND VALLEY CHAPTER LUNCH PRESENTATION

NOVEMBER 17, 2022

[Polished Concrete – From the
Subtrades Point of View](#)

LONDON AND HAMILTON- NIAGARA CHAPTER EVENTS

NOVEMBER 24, 2022

[Connections Café & Holiday Party](#)

TORONTO CHAPTER DINNER PRESENTATIONS

NOVEMBER 22, 2022

[Understanding and Preventing
Flooring Covering Failures](#)

JANUARY 10, 2023

Chapter celebration

FEBRUARY 7, 2023

APRIL 2023

Plant Tour: (ACE) Climatic Wind
Tunnel at UOIT

MAY 2, 2023

Annual Chapter Meeting

MARCH 1, 2023:

[45TH CSC TORONTO CHAPTER
BUILDING EXPO](#)

LEST WE FORGET

In this time of Remembrance, let us never forget the sacrifices that have bought us our freedom.

In Flanders Fields

John McCrae - 1872-1918

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

I joined CSC some years ago, but I really engaged when I took my first course. By the time I achieved my CTR designation, I was volunteering on the Building Expo Committee and not far from running for the Chapter Executive. In my opinion, the CSC courses underpin the purpose of the Association and are the best way to get the most from your membership (although volunteering is very close in my books).



The CSC Toronto Chapter is offering all courses in the 2023 winter term. Registration in Karelo is now open. We've just added PCD, the Principles of Construction Documents course, but if you've already completed PCD and you want to take the next step towards a CSC designation, your Toronto Chapter is offering the following options:

TR – Technical Representative course, prerequisite for the Certified Technical Representative, CTR designation. This course will be held in person, one night a week.

CCA – Construction Contract Administrator course, the prerequisite for the Certified Construction Contract Administrator, CCCA designation. This course will be held virtually, one night a week.

SP – Specifier course, the prerequisite for both the Certified Specification Practitioner, CSP, and the Registered Specification Writer, RSW designations. This course will be held virtually, one night a week.

Karelo links to register for winter courses:

PCD: <https://www.karelo.com/register.php?BID=467&BT=10&Ev=20844>

TR: <https://www.karelo.com/register.php?BID=467&BT=10&Ev=20832>

CCA: <https://www.karelo.com/register.php?BID=467&BT=10&Ev=20830>

SP: <https://www.karelo.com/register.php?BID=467&BT=10&Ev=20831>

We are also working on an information session mid-December to review much of the content above and answer questions. Registration will take place on Eventbrite, so watch your email and the CSC Toronto Chapter LinkedIn for the announcement.

Our Association website has some valuable information on our course offerings, designation descriptions, as well as what is needed to pursue your designation. I have included a few links below to help your search.

CSC Course descriptions: <https://csc-dcc.ca/assets/PdfUploads/1657827296.pdf>

Why you should pursue a CSC designation: <https://csc-dcc.ca/Certifications/wgc/>

CSC Designation requirements: <https://csc-dcc.ca/Certifications/>

Russell Ibbotson

Professional Development Officer

THE 45TH CSC TORONTO CHAPTER BUILDING EXPO

Planning for the 45th edition of the Annual CSC Toronto Chapter Building Expo has commenced. I would like to welcome back the core planning team from the 2022 Expo!

Save the date! The 2023 Expo is scheduled for **Wednesday March 1st**. 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 and receive CEUs.

The first order of business is to nail down a theme for the Expo. Net-Zero Buildings and Embodied Carbon in Building Materials among others are being explored as potential themes. Suggestions for topics or speakers you would like to hear from would be most welcome. Send along your ideas to me or any member of the Expo Committee.

We are always looking for new members to join the organizing committee and welcome the addition of more Members participating in the planning and execution of the Expo. There are many interesting facets to 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. For anyone interested please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

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

Bob Hartogsveld
CSC Building Expo Chair



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CONTRACTOR & TRADES REPORT

In my role as the Contractor and Trade Officer for the Toronto CSC Chapter, I continue to liaise with members from the construction industry, trade and professional organizations to promote membership in Construction Specifications Canada and create awareness about the professional educational courses we offer and the designations that can be applied for upon completion of the courses.

Discussions have been underway with the Ontario Building Envelope Council (OBEC), and Terrazzo, Tile and Marble Association of Canada (TTMAC) in entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the CSC Toronto Chapter. The organizations will move forward in preparing an agreement.

I recently attended the 16th Annual Canadian Conference on Building Science and Technology conducted by OBEC. The event was well attended and had an excellent lineup of speakers. Looking ahead to the upcoming Building Expo, in-person events are being welcome and well-received by attendees.

I will continue to explore opportunities to work with other like-minded trade and industry associations. Communication efforts are underway to promote and inform these organizations of the 2023 CSC Building Expo to increase representation of building professionals and boost overall attendance at the event.

Bob Hartogsveld
Contractor and Trade Officer

CORRECTIONS

Apologies to Sarah Lake for the misspelling of her name in the August E-Specifier.

The map shown for the Toronto Chapter location in the August E-Specifier depicted the location of the post office box. It has been corrected to show the Dinner Meeting location.

A NEW LOOK

Thanks for the great feedback for the August edition of the Toronto Chapter e-Specifier, It was well received and some other Chapters will be following suit with a similar template.

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

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