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## DIRECTORS'S MESSAGE

CSC Board of Directors meeting was held in Toronto this past September to discuss a number of initiatives to help strengthen our future as an organization. One such example is how our marketing is less about marketing and more about communications.

Recognizing that distinction allows us to refocus our volunteer hours and energy to what matters, which is getting our message out there in the most effective way possible. We had our first meeting with the Director of the Bridge Chapter (aka virtual) which was still in the early stages of establishing first steps towards their first online technical presentation/meetings. We all look forward to their future successes.

Education is instrumental to what CSC does and are pleased to see 9 new CSP designations this year, 3 new CCCA and that our Principles of Construction Documentation continues to be ran in 4 colleges across Canada.

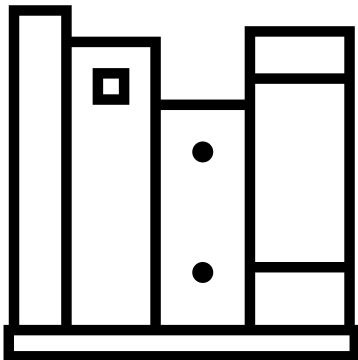
Ted Katsoris was inducted into the College of Fellows at The Toronto Chapter dinner meeting held Sept 12, 2023, at the Toronto Skating, Curling, and Cricket Club at 141 Wilson Avenue, Toronto, ON. There was a large group in attendance to witness Ted's induction. We are proud to see Ted awarded such a high honour and to have one of our own (Toronto Chapter) members inducted. Congratulations Ted Katsoris.

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I often think about the value of this organization to our industry and why it continues to be held in such high esteem. Members of our Executive are often solicited by other vendors looking to sell us something or from speakers/presenters looking to be paid for their non-technical presentations. It seems like a nuisance, but it comes with the job. As well, we take calls or emails from people who are new to the market and want to sell their latest and greatest products to us, thinking that we are the members who wield such power to “get into specs”. For me, and for all of us, it is a learning opportunity to educate these callers with what exactly it is that we do and to join our membership or to attend technical dinner meetings. I am a huge advocate for expressing the value of CSC to new Technical Representatives and how to get involved. We have our next dinner meeting in January 2024. Time to sign up and attend.

I am CSC.

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



## A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

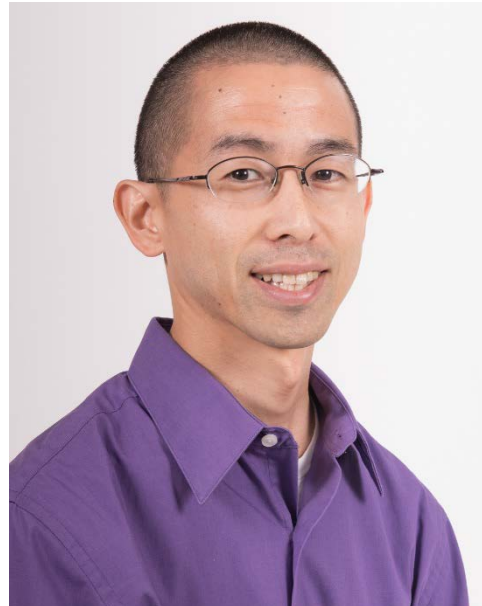
The 2023/2024 CSC year is now in full swing. We started the year with a bang, with the College of Fellows induction ceremony for Ted Katsoris, CCCA, FCSC. I can't think of a more deserving recipient. I was fortunate enough to take both the PCD and CCA courses with Ted, and I continue to learn from him and his years of insight into the design and construction industry.

Learning is at the heart of everything that CSC does. I'm extremely grateful to be able to lead the CSC Toronto Chapter, its executive committee and its members. Our greatest strength is the breadth of knowledge that everyone brings to the table and willingness to share with each other. Through all the ups and downs of the construction industry, we can continue to lean on each other to support each other. I rely on CSC members to provide insight into their field of expertise, just like I hope people can rely on me to provide “sound” advice (pun intended).

We are looking to bring you a full slate of events in the coming 2024 year. We have our Annual Chapter Celebration in January and the Building Expo at the end of February. I look forward to seeing everyone, catching up, and learning from all of you. I encourage you to come out and participate. That's the best way to get the most from your valued membership.

We are CSC!

**Kiyoshi**  
**Chapter Chair**



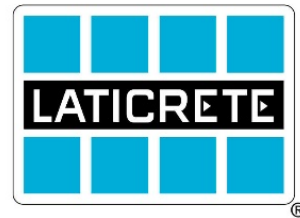
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# MANUFACTURER / SUPPLIER OFFICER REPORT

As the winter season approaches and the weather changes, it's a golden opportunity for professionals to turn their focus towards personal and career development. For those affiliated with manufacturing or supplying industries, embarking on a challenging endeavour this winter can take the form of pursuing the Certified Technical Representative (CTR) certification.

The CTR certification is a badge that signals your exceptional competence in your field. In today's fiercely competitive business landscape, it's essential to demonstrate your ability to provide added value to customers. The CTR designation precisely accomplishes this by amalgamating your profound knowledge of construction products with presentation skills and a comprehensive understanding of the intricacies of the construction industry.

Acquiring a CTR certification not only propels your career to new heights but also elevates the reputation of the manufacturer or supplier you represent. It fosters trust in your abilities, making you the go-to source for sound advice and informed decision-making.

As a CTR, you substantiate your understanding of your role within the construction sector, your adeptness in product representation, and your capability to create vital documents. You can interpret product specifications, navigate substitution procedures, and have a firm grasp of product warranties.

This winter season, think about beginning your journey towards obtaining the CTR designation. It's a testament to your extensive experience, unwavering reliability, and your invaluable contributions to both your company and your clientele. Consider pursuing it this winter to propel your career and prepare for the ever-evolving industry landscape.

**Josh Trevisan, CTR**  
**Manufacturer/Supplier Officer**



# ARCHITECTURAL OFFICER'S REPORT - "COURT ORDER REGARDING LICENSED TECHNOLOGISTS OAA."



It is unfortunate that neither the Association of Architectural Technologists of Ontario (AATO) or the Ontario Association of Architects (OAA) can agree on working together in complete harmony in the discipline of Architectural Technology. I just do not understand why it must be this way when the common goal is the same at the end of the day!

While on the AATO Council in 2006 in the capacity of OAA Liaison, I did reach out to Lisa Bate, the OAA president at that time, to try and reopen a dialogue between the AATO and the OAA in an effort to establish a meaningful working relationship concerning the two Associations.

Very soon after me reaching out to Lisa. The OAA formed an alliance with the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists (OACETT).

to assist with the administration of the newly created Ontario Association of Applied Architectural Sciences (OAAAS) as an offshoot of the OAA that would monitor the education, experience and examinations for the architectural students to a level where they could become a Technologist OAAAS leading to their final entrance examination to become a Licensed Technologist OAA.

The OAA were finally able to release OACETT from their partnership and were able to take full control of the OAAAS. The AATO did reach out to the OAAAS to see if there was any common ground. A subcommittee between the two groups was created and several positive discussions took place. However, the OAA finally pulled the plug and dissolved OAAAS and created their own OAA Technology Program in house.

Just a few years ago, the OAA were exploring initiatives to change to the Licensed Technologist OAA designation and discussions were held with the AATO, that regulates certain Architectural Technology and Building Technician titles. Although the OAA did not make any changes to the designations. The AATO decided on September 20, 2022, to take the matter to the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and filed an application to commence litigation against the OAA. Although the OAA have not made any changes to the designations, the AATO wants to dispute the use of the word Architectural and wants the OAA from stop issuing licenses and Certificates of Practice to Technologists. Their argument is that Licences and Certificates of Practice must be prescribed by Regulation (section 7 of the Architect's Act) and not by Policy.

The OAA was first made aware of the Court application in late 2022, as the AATO challenged the OAA's authority to issue licenses via policy, rather than statute.

Initially, it was stated that the Court was expected to hear the case in December 2023, but OAA Council agreed to pursue good-faith negotiations with the AATO in the goal of finding an equitable and fair resolution in the public interest. Unfortunately, these negotiations were unsuccessful.

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On May 10, 2023, the Ontario Association of Architects were alerted that those who were Licensed Technologists OAA about the outcome of a Court application advanced by the Association of Architectural Technologists of Ontario (AATO). The Ontario Superior Court of Justice issued an Order that took effect on May 10, with immediate impact on all 150 Licensed Technologist OAA, licenses and 44 Licensed Technologist OAA, Certificates of Practice.

With the Court application now dispensed with, the OAA's discussions with the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG) have resumed to ascertain if MAG believes it is in the public interest to include such a license class in the OAA's governing legislation in the near future. The OAA has commenced efforts to seek legislative amendments to recognize a Limited License provision in the Architects Act with designated classes of license. A draft legislative amendment proposal is underway, and the OAA plans to prioritize the work on this initiative. The OAA is mindful that legislative amendments take time and understands other parties will be involved in this effort.

I look forward to bringing more updates on the future of Licensed Technologists in up coming editions of The Toronto Chapter Specifier but in the meantime if you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me on 416 571 5322 or by email [brian.abbey@adtekbuilding.com](mailto:brian.abbey@adtekbuilding.com)

Kindest regards,

**BRIAN L. ABBEY** Int'l. Assoc. AIA. PPM.A.A.T.O. BSSO. A. Sc.T. CIAT. BCQ.  
Architectural Officer and Student Liaison.

*NOTE: I wish to acknowledge that some of the above material has been taken from the OAA's website*

## VICE-CHAIR UPDATE

Hey everyone. Excited to be your Vice-Chair. I made a professional transition recently that caused me to miss the last eSpecifier, my apologies. But right now, I'm just soaking in all the knowledge and information from my peers to help support the Team moving forward.

I have some fun ideas on membership appreciation and engagement.

Along with listening to suggestions from anyone wanting to talk. 345-341-4734 cell.

Looking forward to 2024.

Thanks,

**Kevin Becessar,**  
Vice Chair and Executive Co-Program Officer





## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

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### IN-PERSON CHAPTER DINNER MEETINGS:

DECEMBER 2023

JANUARY 9, 2024

FEBRUARY 6, 2024

APRIL 9, 2024

May 7, 2024

Annual Chapter Meeting

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February 28, 2024:

**46<sup>TH</sup> CSC TORONTO CHAPTER  
BUILDING EXPO**

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## THE 45TH CSC TORONTO CHAPTER BUILDING EXPO

Planning for the 46<sup>th</sup> edition of the Annual CSC Toronto Chapter Building Expo has commenced. We would like to welcome back the core planning team from the 2023 Expo!

**Save the date!** The 2024 Expo is scheduled for **Thursday February 28<sup>th</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 and receive CEUs.

The first order of business is to establish a theme for the Expo. We are exploring several potential themes. Suggestions for topics or speakers you would like to hear from would be most welcome. Send along your ideas to 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.

Please watch your email for frequent updates and we will share more details as they become available.

Regards,

CSC Building Expo Committee



## ... ARE YOU AS EXCITED TO BE BACK AS WE ARE!?

*Kevin and Charles* are super excited to be back for another year of educational & networking events.

We started this year off with a very successful event in September with 65 people in attendance... First, we had Ted Katsoris being inducted into the College of Follows. Congratulation, Ted! THANK YOU for your continued support. Ted could not make it to Calgary for his induction last May, so we made sure he got the full treatment in Toronto!

In addition to Ted's induction ceremony, we had an engaging panel discussion about CCDC with Ted Katsoris of Morrison Hershfield, Mila Legge of NORR and Don Shortreed and DGS Consulting Services. The presentation provided an understanding of CCDC and its processes, as well as an overview of the upcoming changes and additions to CCDC. We would like to give a shout out to Kenny Tam, Specifications Officer - CSC Toronto Chapter, for being the moderator for this event as well.

Lastly, we would like to acknowledge specific CSC Executive Members for their incredible service to the Toronto Chapter over the years – *Kenny Tam and Terry Klingspohn*. Thanks, guys, for all your hard work and dedication.

In October we had Michael Colicchio of Schneider Electric Canada presenting "How to Specify a Smart Building for the Future". This was another great event with 45 people in attendance. The audience was very engaged with lots of questions and shared individual experiences as well. Overall, it was a great presentation that left people walking away with a better understanding of what goes into a smart building.

This November we will be hosting our annual PLANT TOUR at the Duffin Creek Water Pollution Control Plant. This state-of-the-art facility is capable of treating 630 million litres of wastewater each day. Located on the shores of Lake Ontario in the City of Pickering, it treats wastewater from 80% of the residents and businesses in The Regional Municipality of York and from all of the residents and businesses in the Town of Ajax and City of Pickering in The Regional Municipality of Durham.

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*“As always, we are open to suggestions for technical presentation topics. Please contact us directly at [Kevin.Becessar@cbpmail.net](mailto:Kevin.Becessar@cbpmail.net) or [charles@cpd.ca](mailto:charles@cpd.ca)!”*



Wastewater collection and treatment is essential to the economy, our health and for the protection of the environment. This tour will give participants the opportunity to walk through the plant, observing each stage of the sewage treatment process.

**December** will be a push this year. We will not hold a Dinner but will do our best to make this up to the members in 2024. More details to follow.

**January 2024** – We look forward to seeing everyone back after the holidays where we will be having another panel discussion with industry leaders within the interior design community... More information to follow.

Lastly, we'd like to thank all the members, students, and guests that have attended the Chapter Dinners thus far. Your continued support and engagement keep our dinners successful.

As always, we are open to suggestions for technical presentation topics. Please contact us directly at [charles@cpd.ca](mailto:charles@cpd.ca) or [associations.kevin@gmail.com](mailto:associations.kevin@gmail.com)

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## COMMENTS?

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).

**In-Person Dinner Meeting Location:**  
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