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DIRECTOR'S UPDATE



The CSC Board of Directors meeting was held in Toronto this past October. This was my first Board of Directors Meeting and I didn't know exactly what to expect. It was great to see all the directors from across the country, as well as the CSC Executive Council members. What was even better was the discussions that we all had, both formally and informally.

There was a strong sense of wanting to collaborate for the betterment of the CSC family and the greater construction community. This Executive Council and Board of Directors (and all the previous Executive Councils and Directors) are truly striving to move forward on CSC's mission to educate, connect and lead the design and construction community to achieve excellence in project delivery.

Coming off a successful conference in Montreal, everyone is looking forward in anticipation of the 2025 conference in St. John's, Newfoundland. Preparations for a great conference, highlighting the Atlantic Chapter's unique spirit, is going well. Abstracts have been submitted and the technical committee is looking over them now.

At the Montreal Conference, Colleen Barabonoff, RSW, FCSC; Dwayne Penner, CCCA, FCSC; and our own Isabelle Champagne, CTR, FCSC were inducted into the CSC College of Fellows. Recognizing their outstanding contributions to the association, you can see why they are all well deserving inductees. Congratulations to Colleen, Dwayne and Isabelle!

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Behind the scenes, there has been a lot of work on a variety of association initiatives, including a PCD refresh, CCDC documents, as well as new Masterformat documentation. I want to thank all the various sub-committee members who have spent countless hours in the furtherance of making CSC a trusted resource for the construction community. Your work, although largely unseen, is creating a lasting impact. I look forward to publicly seeing the fruits of your labour in the near future.

One exciting new initiative that is being launched is the CSC Mentorship Program. There is a wealth of experience and knowledge within the CSC membership, and a strong desire to both share and learn from fellow members. At this time, there are significantly more mentors than mentees in the program. This illustrates the strong desire to share members' expertise in our community. Anyone who would like to tap into this experience and knowledge to further their career, understanding, and contribution to the construction industry, please email David Graham, Immediate Past President, to be involved as a mentee.

The next board of directors meeting is scheduled for the end of January 2025. If there are any questions that you have regarding the work that the Association is doing, please don't hesitate to reach out to me to discuss.

We, together, are CSC!

KIYOSHI KUROIWA
CHAPTER DIRECTOR

CHAIR'S MESSAGE: WORKING HARD

I continue to work with your Toronto Executive Committee to make the 2024/25 experience the best yet. If you haven't noticed already our volunteer's engagement whether in-person or virtual is back to pre-pandemic. From webinars with the TSA, to getting in-person TR panels underway, working with the next generation of students at partnering Colleges/Universities, along with a full offering of CSC designation courses.

I continue to walk the thin line of the new world of virtual. We all value the benefits of in-person networking. However, the new challenges of peoples commute times, coupled with remote work and personal lives does affect our Chapter too. Though our dinner engagement continues to bring great attendance numbers and amazing topics, we must acknowledge that virtual will need to integrate to increase our presence to existing members, along with driving new membership enrolment.

Have you seen me? In my previous article, I wrote that I wanted to get out there. Whether it's getting involved with our Social Sub-Committee, to attending our Student Design Competition with Grand Valley Chapter or being on a TR panel I will continue to volunteer, network, and promote the benefits of CSC within the construction industry. Up next, moderating at our Peer Discussion Groups. Yes, they're starting up again in-person, stay tuned for more info.

It will be a while until we see each other again. Mark your calendars for Jan 14th, 2025, CSC Toronto Annual Chapter Celebration Dinner. Network and reconnect with some of our distinguished College of Fellows, Life Members, Executive Council, and Board of Directors. It's always my favourite Dinner of

I continue to wear two hats with CSC Toronto as your Chapter Chair and Co-Program Officer and since I started volunteering back in 2022, I truly believe I've made a lasting contribution. I will continue to think outside the box to help drive new membership enrolment with the next generation of industry professionals. I always hope some of the new processes I've been working on continue with the new Chair.

KEVIN BECESSAR, PMP, LEED GA
TORONTO CHAPTER CHAIR



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VICE CHAIR'S UPDATE

Today is Sunday, November 3, 2024, and I am up early because of my dog Barkley and the daylight savings time change. I like the "fall back," but not so much when we have to "spring forward" and lose an hour. How did daylight saving time start?

I always thought it had to do with the farming industry, but daylight savings time change dates back to World War I. Some credit Benjamin Franklin with the idea due to a letter he wrote in 1784 stating: "Every morning, as soon as the sun rises, let all the bells in every church be set ringing; and if that is not sufficient, let cannon be fired in every street to wake the sluggards effectively." It was a way to increase production. November brings a time change, but it is also an exciting time, as Holidays are coming, and many Holiday Markets will be popping up every weekend. Yeah, for me! November is also early in the CSC year, and the Toronto Executive Board is busy looking at ways to have some fun with the membership, which could hopefully entice new members.

My initiative has been to review the venue experience of those who attend the dinners. I cannot say too much, but I plan to roll it out when my term as Chair starts. Stay tuned for more exciting news.

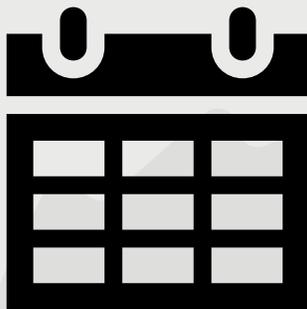
I am also on the Social Event Subcommittee, with the fabulous Natasha Brin as the Chair. The Subcommittee has some wonderful ideas, and we have a lot of them, which we are excited to share with the membership soon—but not now! LOL!

I am happy to report that New Members join the Toronto Chapter every month. As the Membership Officer, I am excited to be involved in such an active chapter that offers dinner meetings, a social event, the Building Expo, a plant tour, and more.

If you see someone 'NEW' at an event, be sure to introduce yourself. This is an excellent opportunity to connect and share your experiences. It's the wonderful world of in-person shmoozing, where we build relationships and strengthen our community!

STACEY BOGDANOW

ADMINISTRATOR OFFICE/MEMBERSHIPOFFICER/VICE CHAIR



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

TORONTO CHAPTER EVENTS:

[January 14th – Dinner Meeting](#)

[February 11th – Dinner Meeting](#)

[April 8th – Dinner Meeting](#)

[May 14th – Dinner Meeting](#)

THE 47TH CSC TORONTO CHAPTER BUILDING EXPO

February 26, 2025



47TH CSC BUILDING EXPO – CONSTRUCTION IN A POST- PANDEMIC WORLD

Save the date:

*Wednesday, February
26, 2025. 11am to 6pm*

Location:

*Metro Toronto
Convention Centre,
South Building, L 800.*

As much as we would like to say the world has gone back to normal now the COVID-19 pandemic is officially behind us, it really hasn't. Sure, restaurants and borders are open. We are permitted to see friends and family once more but what about everything else? What does healthcare look like, or Long-Term Care? Office culture and the return to an office. Artificial Intelligence creeping into our daily lives. What does it all mean?

Join us to learn more about Construction in a Post-Pandemic World where these topics and more will be explored.

We have been hard at work to maximize the floor layout for this year's show and to bring more value to attendees and our tables. We are working with Eventbrite to streamline registration and look forward to a better day of operations at our registration table. We're doing all we can to make the 47th annual CSC Building Expo a show to remember.

**IAIN STUART, CTR
BUILDING EXPO
SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR**



IT HAS BEEN WONDERFUL TO SEE EVERYONE BACK!

We have had an exciting start of educational & networking events with the CSC Toronto Chapter. If you missed out, below is a list of what we have had and a small glimpse into what's to come.

We started this year off with a very successful event in September with over 75 people in attendance. We had Gerald Moore of RSM Building Consultants presenting an overview of the 2024 Ontario Building Code changes. We listened to our members and made this topic a priority to start the 2024-2025 season. Gerald Moore did not disappoint, and a wonderful evening was had by all.

In October we had Caitlin Hay of SMT Research and Dorothy Johns of Toronto Metropolitan University presenting, "Monitoring Moisture in Mass Timber". Another successful event with 40 people in attendance. The audience was very engaged with lots of questions. It was a great presentation that left people walking away with a better understanding of monitoring moisture in mass timber.

As always, November is the month we host our annual PLANT TOUR. This year, on November 12th, it will be held at CertainTeed Canada – Gypsum Board Plant in Mississauga. CertainTeed, a leading manufacturer of high-performance gypsum board, employs a meticulous and sustainable manufacturing process to produce its gypsum board products. The process begins with the extraction of gypsum rock, which is then crushed and heated in a kiln to remove most of the chemically bound water, forming a fine, white powder known as stucco.

This stucco is then mixed with water and various additives to form a slurry, which is poured between two sheets of heavy paper. The continuous sheet of slurry and paper moves along a conveyor where it sets and hardens. Once the board is formed, it is cut to size and passed through a drying kiln to remove any excess moisture, ensuring the product's strength and durability. CertainTeed emphasizes environmental responsibility by incorporating recycled materials into their products and utilizing energy-efficient practices throughout the manufacturing process. Their gypsum boards are designed to meet rigorous industry standards for quality and performance, making them a trusted choice for building professionals.

- January 14th, 2025 – We have a representative from the City of Toronto to present the new updates to the Toronto Green Standard (TGS). More information to follow.
- February 11th, 2025 – We have a manufacturer rep coming to present Anti-Graffiti coatings. More information to follow.
- Mark your calendars for April 8th and May 14th Dinners.

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

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A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS – EXCITING EVENTS AHEAD!



I would like to extend a big thank you to our chapter sponsors, new and old. We are grateful for those who join us year after year and are so excited to see new faces joining us this year as well. Your support helps make our events possible, and we're grateful for your commitment to our chapter. Looking ahead, we have

some exciting events lined up: dinner meetings in the new year, the Building Expo in the winter, and our annual Golf Tournament. These events are a great way to connect, learn, and have fun.

If you are still thinking about becoming a sponsor, there is still time. Reach out for more information and I am more than happy to help.

I look forward to seeing you at these events and making the year ahead even more successful!

JOSH TREVISAN, CTR
MANUFACTURER & SUPPLIER OFFICER

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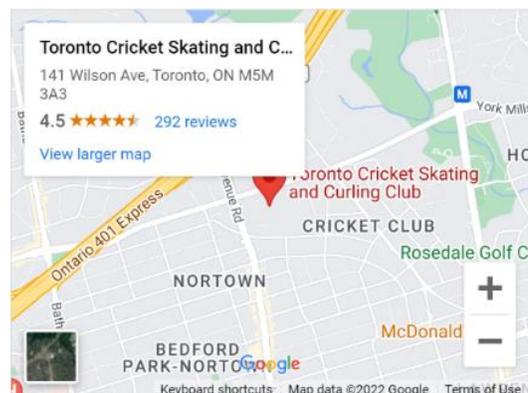
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