



December 2024

# SPECIFIER

A CSC CALGARY CHAPTER EDITION



December

December has arrived and is quickly coming to a close, but the holiday spirit is still in the air. Whether you celebrate the season or simply enjoy the joy of being present in the moment, we hope you find your own way to embrace this magical time of year.

Enjoy all the delicious dishes, desserts, cookies, and candies—remember, you can always restart eating healthy in 2025!

On behalf of the CSC Calgary Chapter, we want to express our heartfelt thanks for your support, the memories we've shared, and the wonderful moments we've enjoyed together as part of our chapter. We look forward to seeing you again in the new year, continuing to create more memories and strengthening the bonds of our community.

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## Chair's Message

Special Edition By Catherine Ning

What an incredible evening we had at Trolley 5 Brewpub for the 2024 CSC Calgary Chapter Christmas Social! This year's event brought together over 100 people from the construction industry for a night of fun and connection. It was a wonderful opportunity to build and strengthen relationships within our vibrant community.

The festive atmosphere was filled with laughter, conversation, and cheer. We had a great time catching up with old friends and meeting new faces while enjoying the great food and drinks!

In addition to the fun, we also hosted a 50/50 raffle, and thanks to the generosity of everyone involved, we raised an impressive total of \$1,340! Half of the proceeds will be donated to Closer to Home Charity, which will help support a family of four in need this holiday season. This donation will make a meaningful impact, and we couldn't be more grateful to all the generous donors who contributed to this cause.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended supported and made this event a success. Your presence and contributions made this holiday season brighter for those in need!

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season filled with joy, peace, and happiness. Thank you once again for your kindness, support, and generosity.

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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



**Zack Delaquis**

**Chapter Secretary**

Zach Delaquis was born and raised in Winnipeg, MB. In 2018, he moved to Calgary, AB, to pursue post-secondary education and play baseball for the University of Calgary.

After a year, he transferred to Mount Royal University to complete his Health and Physical Education degree, majoring in Physical Literacy. While at MRU, he continued playing baseball for the University of Calgary, culminating in a championship victory during the final season.

After completing his degree, he followed his passion for fitness and performance as a strength and conditioning coach with ALFA. However, he has always been deeply curious about the construction industry, which eventually steered him toward **Spec Writing**.

Under the mentorship of Glenn Chatten, he learned the fundamentals of specification writing through the PCD and specifier courses, which gave him the tools to thrive in this highly technical and detail-oriented field. Today, he is proud to be an associate of Cadence Specifications, where he has spent the past year honing his skills and contributing to the construction industry through precise and reliable spec writing.

Zach is passionate about the never-ending opportunities for learning in the construction industry, particularly in the critical role that specification writers play in ensuring successful building projects. Each new project allows him to deepen his expertise, expand his understanding of materials and methods, and collaborate with industry professionals to deliver exceptional results.

Outside of work, Zack enjoys staying active through golf, snowboarding, hiking, and going to the gym. he is excited to continue developing his career in specification writing and making meaningful contributions to the construction industry.

## PAST EVENTS

We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your continued support. Our **Christmas Social** event wouldn't have been such a success without you. We had an incredible time filled with F.U.N., and we sincerely hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



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# SAVE THE DATE



## January

Tuesday, January 14th 2025

**Lunch Meeting - Prompt Payment Part 2**

**NEW LOCATION (see below under Upcoming Events)**

## February

Saturday, February 22th 2025

**Roughnecks Game**

Thursday, February 27, 2025

**IGNITE Kick Off & Table Talk**

## March

Saturday, March 1st - Sunday March 2nd, 2025

**Competition Days**

Tuesday, March 11th, 2025

**IGNITE Awards Presentation**

Please find more information about our events in the upcoming  
**Chapter Upcoming Events** section

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It's time to renew your CSC Membership, and we sincerely look forward to having you join us for another exceptional year filled with great programs and valuable professional development opportunities.

You should have received a reminder in November, but if you need further information on how to renew, please don't hesitate to reach out to:

Clifton Fiola

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## CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

### IMPORTANT NOTICE - CHANGE OF VENUE

We would like to inform you that the venue for our upcoming **January Lunch Meeting** has changed. The new location is Hotel Blackfoot. Please make sure to update your plans accordingly.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and look forward to seeing you there!





## **JANUARY LUNCH MEETING**

Alberta Prompt Payment Part 2

Presenter: Jordan T. Crone

**When:** Tuesday, January 14, 2025

**Time:** 11:00 am - 1:00 pm MST

**Where:** Hotel Blackfoot - 5940 Blackfoot Trail South East, Calgary

**Price:** \$35 + GST + Eventbrite fee for each ticket (CSC Members)

\$45 + GST + Eventbrite fee for each ticket (Non CSC Members)

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As a continuation of Jordan's previous presentation on the Alberta Prompt Payment and Construction Lien Act, this presentation will focus on the Construction Adjudication process. Adjudication is the expedited dispute resolution process used to resolve construction disputes quickly, cost effectively and without the need to involve lawyers.

### **Speaker Bio:**

Jordan T. Crone is a partner and the head of the Construction Law Group at Gowling WLG's Calgary office. With expertise in large-scale construction and infrastructure projects, including public-private partnerships, Jordan advises owners, developers, contractors, architects, and engineers on managing risks throughout project lifecycles. He focuses on litigation and dispute avoidance, offering practical, cost-effective solutions to prevent formal disputes. Jordan has been a leader and key contributor with respect to the implementation and learning opportunities surrounding Alberta's new Prompt Payment and Construction Lien Act.

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## FEBRUARY CHAPTER SOCIAL

### Roughnecks Game

"Come for the Party, Stay for the Game"

**When:** Saturday, February 22, 2025

**Time:** 6:00 pm MST

**Where:** Scotiabank Saddledome

**Price:** \$80 + GST + Eventbrite fee

**What's Included:** Food, Ticket, and F.U.N.

Join us for an exciting and F.U.N. evening at the Saddledome Grill, featuring private balcony seating and exclusive bar access.

GET YOUR TICKETS



## Things are changing up for 2025 . . . not just our branding!

After five competitions of a similar format, we have decided to change things up for 2025 to create a

competition that incorporates real products from a select group of Manufacturer Sponsors for a real Client's project. Astra Group's Chief Executive Officer, Maxim Olshevsky, has once again agreed to be our Client. For those who met him as last year's Client, you can be assured that when the Project is revealed at the Kick-off & Table Talk Event, it will be an amazing opportunity for all of our students.

CSC Ignite provides 4 different events for networking, contributes to building lasting relationships within the Design & Construction Industry, and ends in the recognition of up-and-coming local design talent!

\* **Kick-off & Table Talk Event:** Thursday, February 27, 2025

\* **Competition Day 1:** Saturday, March 1, 2025

\* **Competition Day 2:** Sunday, March 2, 2025

\* **Meeting & Awards' Presentations:** Tuesday, March 11, 2025

## Want to be Involved? Let us know how to reach you and what you are interested in!

\* **Competition Committee Members:** will support in arranging venues, setting up and taking down the event materials, collecting sponsors, facilitating the various groups within the committee, help where needed in the planning and executing of the multi-day event.

\* **Volunteer Coordinator:** will solicit and coordinate mentors and judges, shares criteria and coaches mentors, creates schedules for mentors, needs to be at the full event to assist with volunteers, assists with food, provides potential resources to students for product information and details.

\* **Mentors:** will attend the Kickoff Event on February 27, 2025, and commit one weekend (March 1 and 2, 2025) for meeting with students.

\* **Judge Panel Chair:** arranges a Judges' seminar, shares presentations, shares criteria, collects results from judges, tabulates results.

\* **Judges:** will remain incognito, will attend a Judges' seminar about the judging process, will review and grade the various submissions and vote on any tied submissions.

\* **Photographer:** will attend a portion of each day of the event from the Kickoff Event to the Awards' Gala.

\* **CSC March Meeting & Awards' Presentation Committee Members:** will arrange for venue, food, Speaker, setup, program, gallery of student submissions, etc. to celebrate the clients' and the students' efforts

### **Why be a Design Industry Sponsor? Only 5 spots available**

- **Save time and money in your hiring efforts**
  - Provides industry professionals with the opportunity to meet and see students in action.
  - This opportunity far exceeds the process of finding staff through resumes and portfolios when you can see how they work with others, how they manage their time under strict restraints, and how they use their skills to create deliverables.
  - Receive a PDF copy of each team's CSC Ignite Submission and the team members' contact information.
  
- **Put your brand and reputation in front of tomorrow's leaders**
  - Provides multiple opportunities to build in-person and lasting relationships with up-and-coming young professionals through brand recognition and professional development opportunities.
  - Opportunity to interact with the Client and see your peers working with students and each other.
  
- **Connect and contribute to the growth of the design and construction industry and your community**
  - Provides ways to connect with students, your peers, and others involved in the construction industry – events that demonstrate you are willing to share your knowledge, experience, and skills in positive and collaborative ways.

## CSC Ignite 2025 Sponsorship Packages

**NOTE: All sponsors to be recognized at the March 11, 2025, CSC Calgary Chapter Monthly Meeting and CSC Ignite Awards' Presentations.**

- **Manufacturer Sponsorship - \$750 – only 5 spots available**
  - Provides 1 table for display of various products at the Kickoff and Table Talk Event on Thursday, February 27, 2025.
  - Attendance at the Competition Events on Saturday, March 1, and Sunday, March 2, 2025. Table Talk setup will be available throughout the weekend, if requested.
  - Students' design solutions will all be required to use at minimum 1 product from each Manufacturer in their design solution with evidence of working with the various Manufacturer's on the selections.
  - Students will develop 1 specification section for 1 of the products used in their design solution.
  - Each Manufacturer to have Right of First Refusal to put forward 1 person to serve as Judge or Mentor.
- **Design Industry Sponsorship - \$750 – only 5 spots available**
  - Provides 1 table for marketing and meet-and-greet at the Kickoff and Table Talk Event on Thursday, February 27, 2025.
  - Attendance at the Competition Events on Saturday, March 1, and Sunday, March 2, 2025. Table Talk setup will be available throughout the weekend, if requested.
  - Receive a PDF copy of each team's CSC Ignite Submission and the team members' contact information.
  - Each Design Industry firm to have Right of First Refusal to put forward 1 person to serve as Judge or Mentor.
- **Breakfast & Coffee-break Sponsorship - \$500 – only 2 spots available**
  - Breakfast & Coffee provided for all students, the Client, mentors, and volunteers on the Competition Events on Saturday, March 1, and again on Sunday, March 2, 2025.
- **Lunch Sponsorship - \$1,000 – only 2 spots available**
  - Lunch provided for all students, the Client, mentors, and volunteers on the Competition Events on Saturday, March 1, and again on Sunday, March 2, 2025.

- **Monthly Meeting Sponsor - \$250 – only 1 spot available**
  - Tabletop display at Registration Desk for the March 11, 2025, meeting.
  - Opportunity to provide a 2-minute presentation on the Sponsor's business and/or products.
- **1st Place Sponsor - \$1,500 (minimum) – only 1 spot available**
  - Monetary award split between the winning team members.
  - Opportunity to provide a brief Sponsor introduction and presentation of awards to team members.
- **2nd Place Sponsor - \$750 (minimum) – only 1 spot available**
  - Monetary award split between the winning team members.
  - Opportunity to provide a brief Sponsor introduction and presentation of awards to team members.
- **3rd Place Sponsor - \$500 (minimum) – only 1 spot available**
  - Monetary award split between the winning team members.
  - Opportunity to provide a brief Sponsor introduction and presentation of awards to team members.
- **Peoples' Choice Award Sponsor – Award of Sponsor's Choosing – only 1 spot available**
  - Item of Sponsor's choosing given to each member of the winning team.
  - Opportunity to provide a brief Sponsor introduction and presentation of awards to team members.

**Interested in being a sponsor? Let us know how to reach you!**

Contact:

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CSC Calgary Chair of the Ignite Student Design Competition

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## **AEC INDUSTRY EVENTS & NEWS**



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## CCA 2025 CCA CONNECT

Join CCA at their 2025 CCA Connect: Launchpad - Heritage Pointe

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, January 14th, 2025, and get ready for a vibrant social experience! Join us for an unforgettable evening with industry peers. Whether you're a seasoned golfer or a beginner, skill level takes a back seat at Launchpad—everyone is welcome to have fun!

**Date:** Tuesday, January 14th, 2025

**Time:** 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM MST

**Venue:** Launchpad Golf - 31 Heritage Pointe Dr.

**Member Exclusive:** \$69.00

(no refunds will be issued after Wednesday, January 8th.)

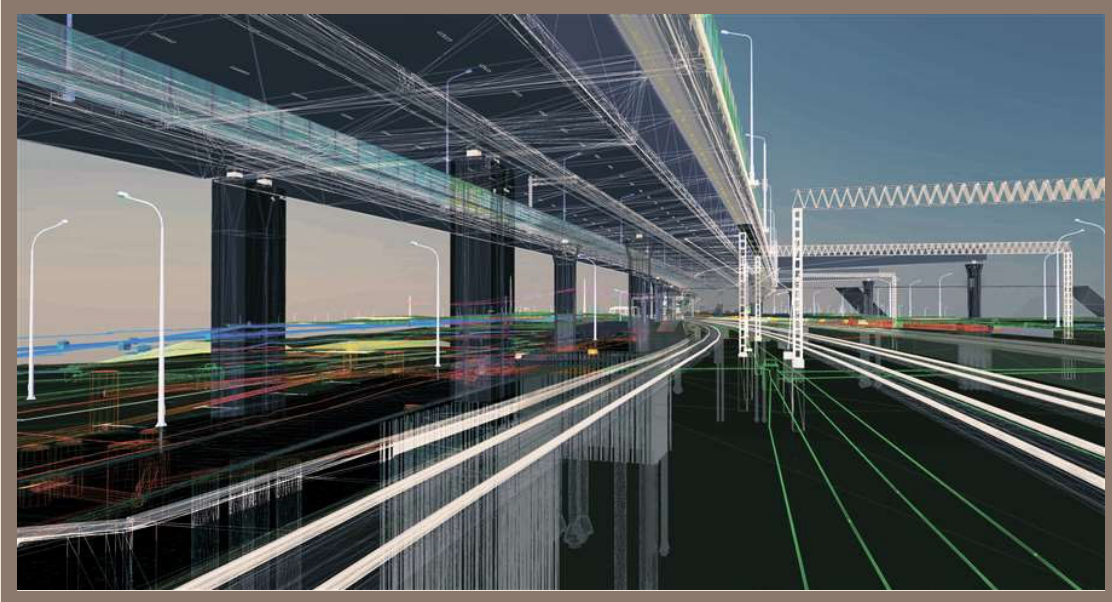
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# Construction **BRIEFING**

GLOBAL CONSTRUCTION INSIGHTS - EVERY DAY

**What is agentic AI and is it powerful enough to change construction's future?**

By: Andy Brown and Neil Gerrard



That's certainly the view of Aviad Almagor, vice president of technology innovation at technology company Trimble, who predicted that so-called 'agentic AI' could start to play a major role in making construction workflows more efficient within the next year.

Image: Trimble

Agentic AI is a more advanced form of artificial intelligence designed to act with a degree of autonomy. Unlike traditional AI systems, which respond to direct user inputs, agentic AI can independently assess tasks, set priorities, and make decisions based on contextual understanding.

“Basically, it’s about humans providing an instruction – where we want to get to in this complex construction process – and letting the agent play with estimating, scheduling, material and so on to bring an optimized solution into our hands. That’s the future, which I think we’ll start to see at least portions of in the next 12 months or so,” Almagor said.

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## CHAPTER REMINDERS

If you want to get articles, pictures, content, fun facts, etc., posted in our newsletter or if you want to get involved in our chapter but are not sure where to start send us an email to:

[calgary@csc-dcc.ca](mailto:calgary@csc-dcc.ca)

## SPONSORSHIP

We want to take a moment to thank our sponsors for their support in 2024



## 2025 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Don't miss the chance to become our sponsor in 2025! The Calgary Chapter is still offering sponsorship packages, each providing fantastic benefits. We've already sold

10 packages, so act fast!  
These packages are available from November 18th, 2024, to January 10th, 2025.  
Don't be left out!

See the available options below:

## 1. ENGAGING THE INDUSTRY PACKAGE

Great option for CSC members looking to increase their networking opportunities and increase their market presence!

**Price:** \$1,500 plus GST. (CSC cost shown in grey \$1,280) (Value \$3,680)  
Package includes:

- **Free tickets for monthly lunch meetings** (6) (\$300)
- **Golf tournament**
- **Foursome registration** (\$700)
- **Connections Café Trade show booth:**
- First right of refusal to buy a table-top (this event sells out every year!!) (Value \$100)
- 2 guest tickets to attend Connections Café event. (Value \$50)
- **Christmas social event** (2 tickets) (\$120)
- **Free Tickets to Calgary Chapter Social events:** 2 tickets included for each social event (Roughnecks, Pedal Pub, Wine tasting, etc.) (up to \$80 / event depending on ticket cost)

**Included in every Sponsorship Package:**

- Logo placement indicating yearly sponsorship: (Value \$1,500)
- Company logos are displayed physically and virtually at all 8 CSC Lunch Meetings
- Company logos are displayed in all CSC Calgary correspondence emails
- Prominently featured on the CSC Calgary website page (landing page)
- Company Logos featured in the monthly Calgary Specifier newsletter (Approx. 350 subscribers + posting on LinkedIn 4000 followers)
- Company Logo digitally and physically featured at the always sold-out CSC Christmas social
- Company Logo highlighted at all Calgary CSC social events
- CSC Chapter Linked-In monthly blast dedicated to sponsors
- Lunch meeting: Introduction and Marketing materials display [all sponsors are able to introduce themselves and display materials] (Value \$250)
- Local member manufacturer contact info published in the following: (Value \$500)
  - Specifier newsletter
  - Digitally and physically represented at CSC Calgary Lunch Events
  - Manufacturer Monthly Highlight Post on LinkedIn

## **2. TECHNICAL AND SOCIAL PACKAGE**

Great option for businesses to fully participate in all technical and social opportunities that CSC has to offer. Great option to use for business development and/or market engagement!

**Price:** \$2,500 plus GST. (CSC cost shown in grey \$1,800) (Value \$4,300)  
 Package includes:

- Free tickets for monthly lunch meetings (6) (\$300)

- **Golf tournament**
- **Foursome registration** (\$700)
- **Connections Café Trade show booth:**
- 50% off - 1 table-top registration (Value \$400)
- 10 guest tickets to attend Connections Café event. (Value \$250)
- **Christmas social event** (4 tickets) (\$240)

• **Free Tickets to Calgary Chapter Social events:** 2 tickets included for each social event (Roughnecks, Pedal Pub, Wine tasting, etc.) (up to \$160 / event)

### Included in every Sponsorship Package:

- **Logo placement indicating yearly sponsorship: (Value \$1,500)**
- **Company logos are displayed physically and virtually at all 8 CSC Lunch Meetings**
- **Company logos are displayed in all CSC Calgary correspondence emails**
- **Prominently featured on the CSC Calgary website page (landing page)**
- **Company Logos featured in the monthly Calgary Specifier newsletter** (Approx. 350 subscribers + posting on LinkedIn 4000 followers)
- **Company Logo digitally and physically featured at the always sold-out CSC Christmas social**
- **Company Logo highlighted at all Calgary CSC social events**
- **CSC Chapter Linked-In monthly blast dedicated to sponsors**
- **Lunch meeting: Introduction and Marketing materials display** [all sponsors are able to introduce themselves and display materials] (Value \$250)
- **Local member manufacturer contact info published in the following:** (Value \$500)



- Specifier newsletter
- Digitally and physically represented at CSC Calgary Lunch Events
- Manufacturer Monthly Highlight Post on LinkedIn

### **3. ULTIMATE NETWORKING PACKAGE**

Great option for organizations looking maximize the technical and social opportunities that CSC has to offer. Best value of all package options, enabling you to maximize your marketing dollars!

**Price:** \$3,500 plus GST. (CSC cost shown in grey \$3,000) (Value \$5,500)  
 Package includes:

- **Free tickets for monthly lunch meetings** (10) (\$500)
- **Golf tournament**
- **Foursome registration** (\$700)
- **Hole Sponsor** (\$200)
- **Connections Café Trade show booth:**
- 1 table-top registration + priority/Choice placement (Value \$1,000)
- 10 guest tickets to attend Connections Café event. (Value \$250)
- **Christmas social event** (6 tickets) (\$360)

• **Free Tickets to Calgary Chapter Social events:** 3 tickets included for each social event (Roughnecks, Pedal Pub, Wine tasting, etc.) (up to \$240 / event)

**Included in every Sponsorship Package:**

- Logo placement indicating yearly sponsorship: (Value \$1,500)
- Company logos are displayed physically and virtually at all 8 CSC Lunch Meetings
- Company logos are displayed in all CSC Calgary correspondence emails
- Prominently featured on the CSC Calgary website page (landing page)
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- Local member manufacturer contact info published in the following: (Value \$500)
  - Specifier newsletter
  - Digitally and physically represented at CSC Calgary Lunch Events
  - Manufacturer Monthly Highlight Post on LinkedIn

To register for 2025 Sponsorship, please send an email to [calgary@csc-dcc.ca](mailto:calgary@csc-dcc.ca), and we will have the invoice sent to you directly.

We accept payments via Square (3% processing fee will be applied), or email transfer for your convenience.

Questions? Please contact:  
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## HOLIDAY DRINK RECIPE



### Cranberry Orange Mocktail

#### **INGREDIENTS**

3 cups (710 ml) Simply® Cranberry Cocktail, chilled

3 cups (710 ml) Simply® Orange Lt Pulp Free, chilled

1 liter Sprite® Cranberry Zero, or regular Sprite® chilled (about 4 ¼ cups)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

In a large punch bowl, add the cranberry and orange juices.

Slowly pour in the cold soda. Stir gently, if needed. Serve immediately in cups over ice.

Garnish with cranberries and orange slices, if desired.

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