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JANUARY

Welcome to 2025! We're so excited to start the new year with you. January is all about new resolutions, fresh mindsets, and positive vibes. Whether you're diving into exciting projects or taking time to recharge, we're here to support you and make this year unforgettable.

Stay tuned for fun updates and events— and let's make 2025 the best year yet!

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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

by Trevor Devnich

Happy 2025!

First off, I want to personally wish our entire CSC Family, both near and afar, a Happy and Prosperous 2025.

As we quickly enter into 2025, I want to thank everyone for their continued support and participation in the Calgary CSC Chapter. Not only do we have excellent guidance from our executive team, but the support and participation from the membership have been exceptional leading into 2025.

I will personally vow to ensure we stay on track with our goals and objectives, being our F U N (Financial Responsibility, Unity, Networking) Chapter Motto. I am happy to report that we remain in a very strong

Financial position heading into the new year with no signs of stepping backwards, with events like Roughnecks Social, Golf tournament, Ignite Student Competition and Connections Café being just a few of the events we will host to help bolster our financial position further in 2025 as well as strengthen our UNITY and NETWORKING within the design community and beyond.

Let's keep the F U N alive and make 2025 one of our best years yet! We continue to be the envy of many Chapters across the country, and for that, I am proud as we have worked hard to get ourselves here! Let's keep the momentum growing and continue on this positive and F U N ride!

Kind Regards

Trevor Devnich

Calgary Chapter Chair



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

JAMES WILLIAMSON

Principal, Stantec Architecture,

Calgary, Alberta

PMP, CCCA, AT

With over 14 years in the architecture and construction industry, James has become Alberta's go-to expert in contract administration and project delivery. As a Principal at Stantec Architecture, he leads the Construction Contract Administration team across the province, ensuring that every project meets the highest quality standards. James has played a key role in major projects like the BMO Convention Centre Expansion, the Calgary Cancer Centre, the WestJet Wide Body Hangar, and over 20 new or renovated schools.

James is also deeply involved in the construction community. He serves on the Executive Board of the Calgary Chapter of Construction Specifications Canada (CSC), where he's helped expand CSC's educational offerings in Calgary, mentored participants in the annual CSC Ignite design competition, and now acts as the liaison to the Calgary Construction Association.

A 2011 SAIT architectural technologist graduate, James enjoys returning to talk to students about the importance of quality construction documents, the construction administration process, and the value of collaboration in the

industry. He's passionate about improving the often confrontational construction environment and is working with other Stantec offices across Canada to make a positive change.

Outside of work, James loves spending time outdoors with his family and his two young children. He enjoys mountain biking, golfing, swimming in the summer, and skiing in the winter.

His advice to those entering the architectural field is to "work hard and always reach for your goals. Even if it seems impossible at times, it is amazing what you can achieve when you know what you want and are willing to put in the work."

PAST EVENTS

JANUARY MEETING

SPEAKER: JORDAN CRONE

ALBERTA PROMPT PAYMENT AND
CONSTRUCTION LIEN ACT PART 2 –
CONSTRUCTION ADJUDICATION



Insightful lunch meeting at our new venue, the Hotel Blackfoot!

Jordan Crone delivered an insightful presentation on Alberta's Prompt Payment and Construction Lien Act, focus on Construction Adjudication



We had a great discussion on how adjudication serves as an expedited dispute resolution process, offering an efficient and cost-effective way to resolve construction disputes.

Thank you to Jordan for delivering such an informative and engaging presentation, and to everyone who joined us for this valuable session!

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR UPCOMING EVENTS



February

Tuesday, February 11th, 2025

**Lunch Meeting – An Interactive look at
accessibility requirements in the NBC 2023
Alberta Edition.**

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:

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NEW MEMBERS

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(Returning Calgary Member)

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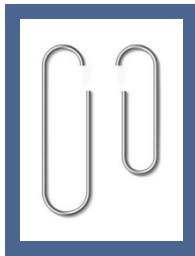
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CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

IMPORTANT NOTICE – CHANGE OF VENUE

We would like to inform you that the venue for our upcoming **February 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!



FEBRUARY LUNCH MEETING

Accessibility Requirements in NBC 2023,

Alberta Edition.

Presenter: William Thompson

When: Tuesday, **February 11th, 2025**

Time: 11:30 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)

An interactive look at accessibility requirements in the National Building Code 2023, Alberta Edition.

Speaker Bio:

William Thompson holds a diploma in Architectural Technology and a bachelor's degree in Construction Project Management from the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT). William joined Construction Specifications Canada in 2006, achieved the Certified Construction Contract Administrator designation in 2009, and taught several CSC courses. Since 2013, they have been inspiring future professionals as an instructor of Architectural Technologies at SAIT. Currently, he is pursuing a Master of Education at the University of Calgary.

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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!

Please note:

*** Last day to become a manufacturer sponsor:
Friday, January 31st, 2025**

- * **Kick-off & Table Talk Event:** Thursday, February 27th, 2025
- * **Competition Day 1:** Saturday, March 1st, 2025
- * **Competition Day 2:** Sunday, March 2nd, 2025
- * **Meeting & Awards' Presentations:** Tuesday, March 11th, 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!

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Construction **BRIEFING**

GLOBAL CONSTRUCTION INSIGHTS - EVERY DAY

No more white elephants? Construction of major venues is changing.

By: Andy Brown and Neil Gerrard



Shiny, expensive new sporting venues used to be a feature of major events like the Olympic Games.

But gargantuan multi-billion-dollar bills for host cities, combined with stories of once sparkling venues being left to rust has taken the shine off such displays of excess.

In fact, in 2022, Jacqueline Barrett, a director at the International Olympics Committee (IOC), told future hosts to avoid building new, permanent venues altogether in case they ended up as white elephants.

It was a lesson that last year's Paris Olympics and Paralympics, which used 95% existing and temporary venues, took on board. And the trend looks set to continue when the Olympics and Paralympics come to Los Angeles, USA, in 2028. Organizers of LA28 aim to go one better by not building any new venues at all, in what is being billed as the 'retrofit Olympics'.

Image: The Abba Arena in London (Image: 4kclips via Adobe Stock - stock.adobe.com)

Don't say 'temporary'

But such an approach extends beyond sporting venues. The Abba Arena at Pudding Mill Lane, in London, is a 3,000-capacity concert venue that is home to Abba Voyage, a holographic depiction of Sweden's greatest musical export, Abba, in their 1970s heyday.

Construction of the column-less, hexagonal, hybrid mass timber and steel building was completed in 2022. Two years later, it's still there. That's part of the reason why UK-based contractor ES Global, which built it, avoids the term "temporary". Instead, the company prefers "demountable" because it can be dismantled, packed into containers and erected at another location, or its parts can be reused in the construction of other venues.

The Abba Arena is the largest demountable venue in the world. It is one of the latest in a long line of such venues that ES Global has built, stretching back at least as far as the London 2012 Olympics, where it constructed the water polo arena at the Olympic Park in Stratford and the shooting range in Woolwich.

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CHAPTER REMINDERS

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