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A CSC CALGARY CHAPTER EDITION



Wolfe and the Sparrows Sculpture. Inglewood, AB

Image by: Brandon Vickard

February

Calgary is sparkling with winter magic, and there's something about the cold that just feels right.

Whether it's soaking in the snowy views or diving into all the outdoor fun, the season has so much to offer.

From skiing down the slopes and ice skating to curling up with a hot chocolate by the fire, there's no shortage of ways to make the most of winter in Calgary.

So let's enjoy everything the season has to offer, and don't forget to bring that warmth with you when you meet up with someone!

We are CSC

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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

by Trevor Devnich

Happy 2025!

February FREEZE

Although I am no weatherman, I know that eventually the weather will warm, roads will dry up and signs of spring will start popping up in gardens before we know it.

Weather aside, I would encourage us to all take this time to prepare and reflect on what the coming months have in store for the Calgary CSC Chapter. On **February 22nd**, we have a FUNtastic social event planned at the Roughnecks game.

On February 27th, we will have our **IGNITE 2025** Student Design Competition kickoff, with the workshop portion of the event the weekend of March 1st and 2nd. We will finish up with the Awards portion at our monthly dinner meeting **on March 11th**.

On April 10th, we will team up with GAMA and attend a plant tour with our

host, Goldray Glass; spots will be limited, so sign up early!

May will host our annual ACM and, of course, National Conference in St. John's NFLD May 21-25, leading us into the summer months with a golf tournament and possible pedal pub and escape room events.

Keep in mind that all these events and meetings are planned to benefit our membership by allowing us to get together, socialize, collaborate, and build relationships outside of our immediate workplace.

I am proud of the work our Calgary team does to organize these events, and I hope you all show your appreciation by participating and taking advantage of what our Chapter offers.

Let's not forget what our Chapter motto, **F.U.N**, is and what it represents:

F -Fiscal Responsibility

U -Unity

N -Networking

"If you focus on **results**,

You will never **change**.

If you focus on **change**,

You will get **results**."

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Kind Regards

Trevor Devnich

Calgary Chapter Chair



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Paul Jensen

RSW, CSP, C-NRPP, LEED AP BD+C, DIP. Arch

Tech

Team Lead, Building Science &

Specifications

Calgary, Alberta

With over 19 years in the architecture and construction industry, Paul has become a go-to resource in technical specifications and project delivery.

As a Team Lead at GGA-Architecture, he leads the Building Science and Specifications team, ensuring that every project meets the highest quality standards. Paul has played a key role in major projects like the Brookfield YMCA, the Agrium Western Events Centre, the Schulich School of Engineering, and over 70 new or renovated schools.

A 2006 SAIT architectural technologist graduate, Paul enjoys returning to talk to students about the importance of quality construction documents, the process of preparing architectural specifications, and the value of collaboration in the industry. He's passionate about

improving the often confrontational construction environment and works with colleagues to make positive changes.

Outside of work, Paul loves spending time outdoors with his family, especially his two young children. He enjoys cycling, hiking, and kayaking 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

CSC CALGARY

Accessibility Requirements in NBC 2023 Alberta Edition

William delivered an engaging and thought-provoking presentation on the updates to the minimum requirements in the NBC 2023 Alberta Edition, focusing on the critical aspect of designing with accessibility in mind. He emphasized the importance of meticulous attention to detail when creating designs, ensuring that drawings and specifications are clear. This clarity is essential to guarantee that installations—from signs and accessories to ramps—are fully compliant with the code, making spaces truly accessible for everyone.

Attendees had the chance to dive into drawings and pinpoint the minimum measures required by the code section William highlighted. He also brought attention to a key point: older editions of the Accessibility Design Guides may not reflect the latest updates, leaving room for outdated information and potential gaps in meeting current requirements. This served as a powerful reminder of how crucial it is to stay up to date with the latest standards!



SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 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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CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS



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 27th, 2025
- * **Competition Day 1:** Saturday, March 1st, 2025
- * **Competition Day 2:** Sunday, March 2nd, 2025
- * **Meeting & Awards' Presentations:** Tuesday, March 11th, 2025

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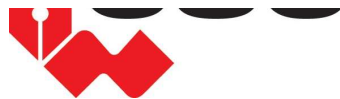
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CSC NEWS

MENTORSHIP PROGRAM



Dear CSC Mentors and Mentees:

Mentorship Program Update

Firstly, let me thank those who have put their names forward as a mentor and mentee. Some of you showed interest in both. I am very excited about this tremendous response and interest.

Over the summer and since my first letter we have received about 60 people who wish to be mentors and 20 who wish to be mentees. This is a tremendous response and interest.

As you can see with these numbers there is a bit of an imbalance. That I am sure will even out as we get this program rolling into the next phase.

Next Phase; I have been interested in a platform called Mentor City - please feel free to have a look on the web. I arranged for the Executive Council to see a presentation to get a better understanding of how the program worked and how it might fit the CSC.

This platform is a really great way to get people in an organization to connect and then decide what role they may have and how to help each other. It is very user friendly. With help from the people at Mentor City I would be the administrator and set up a system that suits our organization.

I encourage you to visit the Mentor City webpage and get a better sense of where I would like to take this program next. It is set up to be confidential so none of your information is shared openly. Users will get a login to use. The user decides who they want to connect with. The platform allows for routine meetings or it can simply be a way to connect and after that decide what kind of arrangement would work best.

www.mentorcity.com

Please feel free to provide me with your thoughts at david@specs4a.com

Thank you!

Respectfully,

David Graham - Immediate Past President

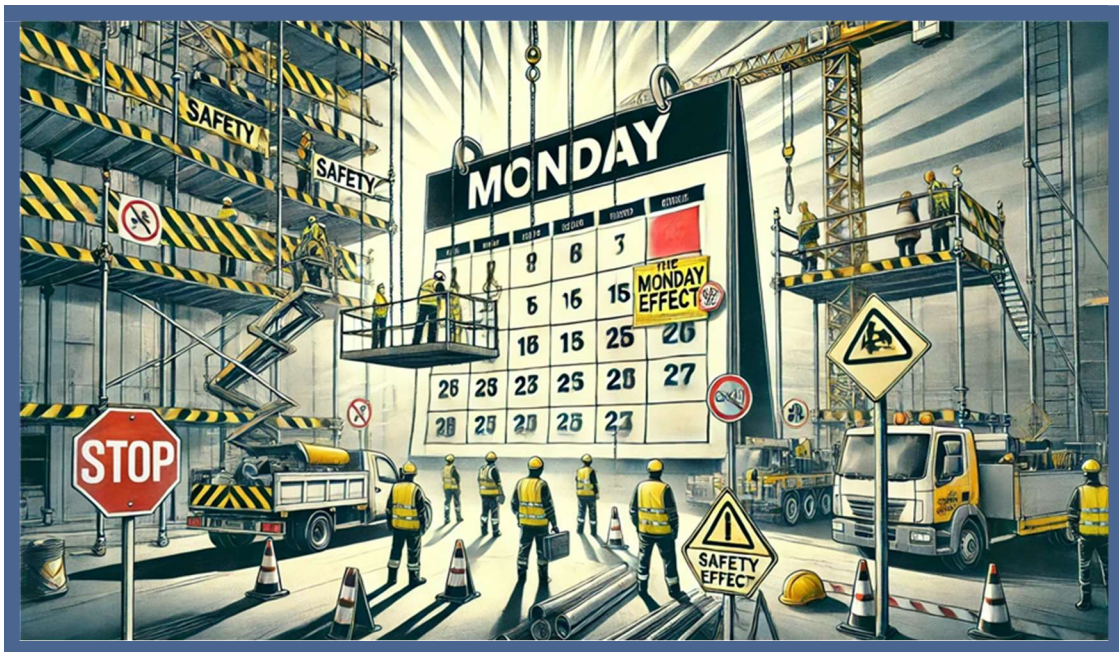
AEC INDUSTRY NEWS

Construction BRIEFING

GLOBAL CONSTRUCTION INSIGHTS - EVERY DAY

'The Monday Effect': Is Monday really the most dangerous day on a jobsite?

By: Neil Gerrard



'The Monday Effect' is the name given to a phenomenon that suggests the first day of the working week is the most dangerous on construction sites.

It's a talking point among construction health and safety experts once again, partly thanks to a 2024 article in Australian

publication *The Conversation*, by Milad Haghani, senior lecturer of urban risk and resilience at the University of New South Wales in Sydney.

Numerous academic studies have examined whether Monday is a more dangerous day on construction sites than others.

What's behind this phenomenon, and is the first day of the working week really as dangerous as it seems?

[READ MORE](#)



ABEC South February 2025 – Luncheon

Session Title & Description:

Structural Framing Carnage: Explosions, Fires, Collapses, Impacts & More

This photographic presentation will expose the audience to the extent and severity of damage to a buildings structural framing system as a result of: explosions; fires; localized partial or total collapses; vehicles impacting buildings; lightning; and, unique conditions observed after an event.

When: February 26, 2025

Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm MST



Kevin Brown

Kevin has 43 years of experience in the consulting industry, 40 years as a Structural Engineer and 3 years as a Structural Draftsman. Kevin has a B.Sc. in Civil Engineering (Class of 85 with Distinction) and a Honours Diploma from NAIT in Engineering Design & Drafting Technology (Class of 78) and has been an ABEC member since 1996.

Since 1997 as the founder of Gravity Engineering Incorporated he has performed more than 3,500 forensic or technical investigations and/or structural repair designs within the commercial, residential, and industrial market sectors

including: 1,400+ fires; 110+ explosions; 20+ Lightning Strikes; 430+ structural failures/collapse or wind events; 630+ vehicles impacting buildings; and hundreds of other vibration, water, lightning, building envelope and other unique performance assessments. In addition he has completed and directed the due diligence assessment of more 360 commercial structures such as high and mid-rise office buildings, shopping centres, and warehouse facilities.

REGISTER



CCDC DOCUMENT WEBINARS

February webinar: *CCDC 16: 'Guide to Changes in the Contract'*

Construction is a dynamic process, and changes are often inevitable. To mitigate the impact of these changes and potential conflicts between the parties, CCDC published CCDC 16 – 2024 'Guide to Changes in the Contract'. This brand-new guide helps users manage changes in a timely manner and in accordance with the processes set out in the contract.

What you will learn:

- The CCDC philosophy of the change process
 - Pricing of changes and mark-ups
- Each party's rights and responsibilities in the change process

- What to know before proceeding with a change order, change directive, or supplemental instruction
 - Cumulative impact of changes claims

The presentation will conclude with a Q&A period, giving attendees a chance to pose their questions directly to a CCDC document author.

Registration

[English webinar: February 27, 2025 | 13:00–14:30 \(EST\)](#)

Price: \$65 + tax

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:

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