

# TORONTO CHAPTER E-SPECIFIER

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR



Since the January Board of Directors meeting, I don't have too much to report. I know there has been lots of work on the technical and education portfolios. Updates to the CCDC documents as well as the PCD course materials is ongoing. I look forward to seeing the final documents.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the 2025 CSC conference

in St. John's, Newfoundland. It will be a great time for learning, networking, collaboration and fun. Click [here](#) for all the information on the [conference](#).

Nominations for the various Chapter and Association awards has passed. All awards will be announced at the Awards Luncheon on May 25, 2025, after the Annual General Meeting.

On behalf of the Association, I would like to thank all the volunteers that it takes to run chapter events, including the Toronto Chapter Executive Committee as well as the Building Expo Sub-Committee. It takes a village to keep the chapter running. If you have a desire to volunteer and give back to CSC Toronto Chapter, please come talk to anyone on the Executive Committee and we are glad to have you help out and engage with the Toronto Chapter membership. I thank Kevin Becessar for leading the Toronto Chapter this past year. You have made it a fun and engaging year. Looking forward to what Stacey Bogdanow will bring to the table next year.

**KIYOSHI KUROIWA**  
CHAPTER DIRECTOR



## CHAIR'S OUTGOING MESSAGE

Let's Go!

This will be my last eSpecifier as Chair. I have much to reflect on this past term.

I finally attended my first Peer Discussion Group last March on Substitutions and Contract Administrators. It was a great group, engaging discussion, and overall, a learning opportunity for me. I was also moderator along with our Panel Ted and Daneil @ Stantec, along with our host Kaz @ BDP Quadrangle. I'd like to personally like to thank everyone involved in making it a great evening event!

Have you seen me? In my previous article, I wrote that I wanted to get out there. Along with the last PDG, I had a great time at the CSC Toronto Social last month engaging with industry colleagues in a non-work environment.

eye out for me at Conference this year along with Summer Golf Events.

Please mark your calendars as May 14<sup>th</sup> is our last dinner this term. As such it will also be our Annual Chapter Meeting. Please check out the Karelo for more info.

As I reflect on my term coming to an end, I'd like to thank my Executive Committee for embracing my vision along with getting many initiatives completed. Along with getting a long overdue social executed, we've held a dinner at a different venue with great feedback from those that attended, made several administrative changes to improve volunteer-work-life balance, and implemented mechanisms for greater feedback from members and students.

And one last time thanking all those that volunteer at any level with CSC across Canada. Our hard work, collaborating with other Associations, and dedication does make a difference.

I sign off for the last time as your current Toronto Chapter Chair eSpecifier article.

I am CSC.

**KEVIN BECESSAR, PMP, LEED  
GREEN ASSOCIATE**



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## VICE CHAIR UPDATE

It was a successful venue experience! Thank you, Brian Abbey, for finding Fantasy Farms for the CSC Toronto Chapter.

On April 8th, the CSC Toronto Chapter held a dinner meeting/event at Fantasy Farms, a new venue. The Cricket Club is delightful, but a change occasionally is nice!

The meal was plated, which was a real treat, and the service was wonderful! I believe the bar was less expensive...which is important to me.....LOL!

The food was excellent! I ate my salmon dish entirely and in record time! I skipped breakfast and lunch that day, but my opinion sticks!

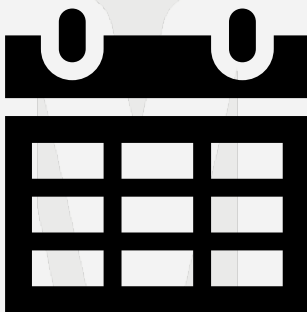
I do believe there is a coat check room, and my shortcomings caused me to forget to ask for one that day. We also were a little tight at each table, so going forward, I feel this venue can only accommodate 7 persons per table.

The view and the overall feeling of the room are very relaxing and friendly. I believe we will try this venue again in the near future. I would love to hear from members if there are any events you are interested in or venues that would fit our chapter dinner meetings. Change can be scary but also very rewarding! Speaking of change..... see you in September as your Chapter Chair!



**STACEY BOGDANOW**

**Vice Chair**



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

[May 7<sup>th</sup> – Peer Discussion Group #3](#)

[May 14<sup>th</sup> – Dinner Meeting – ACM](#)

[May 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> – Conference: St. John's](#)



# SPECIFICATION OFFICER REPORT

2025 has been a very active beginning for CSC – Toronto Chapter (CSCTC), we had the Building Expo and revitalized our much Discussion Group (PDG) and fun Social Events. This is just the beginning, many more to follow.

All three PDG for this year is themed on Substitutions, as it seems there is a strong interest on the topic. We are looking at the all perspectives from the viewpoints of a Technical Representative, a Contract Administrator and from the Specifications pair Anyone looking to obtain presentation notes or had suggestions for discussion topics, please reach out to me at ktam@adam associates.com.

PDG 1 - Technical Representative Perspective (January 20, 2025): Held Aeroustics Engineering Ltd with Stacey Bogdanow and Steve Gusterson leading the discussion and Kiyoshi Kuroiwa as the moderator.

PDG 2 – Contract Administrator Perspective (March 26, 2025): Held at BDP Quadrangle with Daniel Thomas and Ted Katsoris leading the discussion and Kevin Becassar as the moderator.



PDG 3 – Specification Perspective (Upcoming May 7, 2025): To be held at BDP Quadrangle with Juste Fanou and Wayne Austin leading the discussion and Kenny Tam as the moderator.



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On March 27, 2025, we had 25 people who attended had our first of many CSCTC Social organized by our Social Committee Chair, Natasha Brin. The event was well attended with many axes flying around at BATL - Toronto Portlands and very enjoyable Shawarma dinner.

Congratulations to Steve Ringler, who is now the reigning champ!

Any questions or suggestions for social events, please reach out to [nbrin@adamson-associates.com](mailto:nbrin@adamson-associates.com)  
Our next social event will be after conference, when the weather is nice.

**KENNY TAM**  
**SPECIFICATION OFFICER**



# PROGRAM UPDATE

It's hard to believe the 2024–2025 CSC Toronto Chapter season is already coming to a close. After enduring another long and harsh winter, we're all more than ready to welcome the sunshine and warmer days ahead.

This year has been filled with meaningful events, thoughtful discussions, and strong attendance at our monthly dinners. Here's a quick recap of what we've accomplished together over the past few months:

- January – Celebration Dinner. We kicked off the year with our annual Celebration Dinner, taking time to recognize and honour our local CSC Life Members and Fellows. A heartfelt thank you to all who joined us for this special evening. We were also pleased to welcome Julie Bevacqua from the City of Toronto, who presented updates on the Toronto Green Standard. Her presentation offered attendees valuable insights into the current changes and what to expect moving forward. The event was a resounding success, with over 70 attendees.
- February – Anti-Graffiti Coatings. Our February dinner featured Garrett Florent from Rain Guard, who delivered an engaging presentation on "Anti-Graffiti Coatings." Garrett's talk sparked thoughtful questions and lively discussion from the audience. With over 40 members in attendance, it was another strong and successful evening of learning and networking.
- April – Commercial Roofing Systems. We welcomed Guillermo Cordero, Director of Specifications at Soprema Canada, who presented "Commercial Roofing Systems – Best Practices vs. Commonly Accepted." His presentation was informative and well-detailed, offering practical knowledge for all attendees. This dinner was also notable as our first event held outside of the Toronto Cricket & Curling Club in many years. Fantasy Farms proved to be a beautiful venue, and we extend our thanks to their wonderful staff for the great meal and hospitality. The turnout was excellent, with over 50 attendees.

Looking Ahead – May 14th Dinner & Annual Chapter Meeting. Mark your calendars for our final event of the season on May 14th. We're excited to have Mohammed Dawoud of ENNOVA presenting on Modular Wall Systems. This evening also serves as our Annual Chapter Meeting, and we anticipate a strong turnout to wrap up the season on a high note.

We want to sincerely thank all of our presenters for sharing their time and expertise with our membership. These dinner meetings wouldn't be possible without your contributions—and they wouldn't be as impactful without our engaged audience of members, students, guests, and our esteemed Life and Fellow Members. Your participation keeps our Chapter vibrant and thriving.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS. YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED! A HUGE THANK YOU to our 2025 Dinner Meeting Table-Top Sponsors—Carlisle, Cloverdale, WR Meadows, Saint-Gobain, Soprema, and V-Specs. Your ongoing support plays a vital role in the success of our events, and we are incredibly grateful for your contributions.

As always, we welcome suggestions for future technical presentation topics. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us at [charles@cpd.ca](mailto:charles@cpd.ca) or [associations.kevin@gmail.com](mailto:associations.kevin@gmail.com).

We are CSC!

**CHARLES BOSWORTH & KEVIN BECESSAR**  
**PROGRAM COMMITTEE OFFICERS**





## UPDATE FROM THE TREASURER

For those who may not be aware, March 31, 2025, marked the end of the Toronto Chapter's fiscal year. As of April 1, 2025, we have officially entered the 2025–2026 fiscal year.

The past fiscal year was relatively smooth and profitable for the Chapter. Unaudited financial statements outlining the Executive Committee's revenue and expenses—managed on your behalf—will be available at the Annual Chapter Meeting (ACM), scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at the Toronto Cricket, Curling and Skating Club.



If you're unable to attend the ACM, rest assured that during the past fiscal year, the Chapter's financial assets were securely invested in term deposits with both TD Canada Trust and the Bank of Nova Scotia, which yielded strong returns.

A similar investment strategy is being carried forward into the new fiscal year, although interest rates offered by the banks are slightly lower than in previous years.

That concludes with the financial overview. I'd also like to reaffirm the Executive Committee's continued commitment to offering valuable programs throughout the fiscal year for both new and longstanding CSC members.

Programs offered this past year included our three educational streams (TR, CCCA, RSW), monthly dinner meetings, sponsorship programs, the annual golf tournament, social events, and the Building Expo trade show—just to name a few. Some of these initiatives generate revenue, while others are either fully funded or subsidized to benefit our members.

At the start of each fiscal year, every Chapter Executive sets a program-specific expense budget. This year, the Executive has remained largely within budget, with only minor adjustments across programs.

As Treasurer, my role—though not always popular—is to safeguard the Chapter's investments and cash reserves, while remaining open to financially supporting new, revenue-generating initiatives. To support this, I will be asking each Executive to project potential revenue for their programs based on previous years' performance.

Thank you for placing your trust in me, the Executive Committee, and our accounting firm, HFPC, for both the past and present fiscal years.

Kind Regards,

**ROGER ALI, CTR**  
**TREASURER**



# WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!



**STACEY BOGDANOW**  
Administrator Office/Membership  
Officer/Vice Chair

Please welcome the following NEW members to CSC,  
Toronto Chapter:

- **Nelan Ambikaipahan**  
CertaPro Painters
- **Jonathan Wild**  
Ten Plus Architectural Products Ltd
- **Fazel Akbari**  
AK Level and Polish
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- **Andres Guzman-Romero**  
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Grey Goat Supply

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## COMMENTS?

If you have comments or suggestions, or would like more information about the E-Specifier, please reach out to Laura Herbert at [lherbert@dialogdesign.ca](mailto:lherbert@dialogdesign.ca).

**In-Person Dinner Meeting Location:**  
Toronto Cricket Skating and Curling Club  
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