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Chair's Message

Trevor Devnich



As we move into the final stretch of 2025, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been an incredible few months for our CSC chapter. Demonstrating our motto of F U N....(Financial Responsibility, Unity, Networking).

We kicked off the summer with our always-popular Golf Tournament on July 10th with 128 golfers and fantastic support from sponsors, followed by a sold-out Pedal Pub event on August 22nd, where all three bikes were fully booked with 45 attendees – a fantastic turnout and a great time had by all!

On September 23rd, we hosted our annual Connections Café Tradeshow, featuring 33 booths from a wide range of sponsors and manufacturing members. It was a great opportunity to reconnect and showcase the strength and diversity of our industry.

October is shaping up to be just as eventful with our Stampeders Game day and tailgate on the 18th. Special thanks to Jonathon Greenland and his dad who will be hosting all CSC game attendees to some tail gate food and

beverages, sponsored by Spolumbos.

Looking ahead, we're excited to continue the momentum with our November Technical Lunch, and we'll wrap up the year in festive fashion at the December Christmas Social at Trolley 5 – always a highlight on our calendar!

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our Executive team and all of our members for your continued support and dedication. Your involvement is what makes our Calgary CSC community so vibrant and successful.

See you at the next event!

Warm regards,
Trevor Devnich
Chair, CSC Calgary Chapter

Director's Report

Colleen Barabonoff, FCSC, RSW



As we move into fall and have the start of school in September it also brings us closer to the end of the year which means it's the semi-annual Board of Directors meeting that took place on September 27th and 28th of this year in Toronto.

It was a pleasure to attend and represent the Calgary Chapter, meet with Directors from all the Chapters across Canada and collaborate about upcoming items. A big **THANK YOU** to the Executive Council for running a great weekend and keeping our organization running smoothly.

Our Executive Council includes:

President: Kelly Sawatzky, CSP, RSW

Vice-President: Abigail MacEachern, RSW

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3rd Vice-President: Jonathon Greenland, CTR
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Past President: Russ Snow FCSC, CTR, CSP,
Executive Director: Nick Franjic
Secretary/Treasurer: Don Shortreed, FCSC, RSW, Life Member
Registrar: Cathie Schneider, CTR

Key Action Items

- Conference 2030 Bid: The Board is requesting all chapters to begin considering a submission to host the CSC National Conference in 2030.
- Conference schedule for the next 5 years: 2026 – Winnipeg; 2027 – London, 2028 - Kelowna, 2029 – Toronto.
- Awards & Recognition: A call for nominations for national awards will go out this fall, closing in February.
- Website & Social Media: The Board has not officially approved the use of LinkedIn and will be setting up an official LinkedIn page for each chapter. Please be on the lookout for the new page as the old one will be deactivated.
- The website is also continuing to be updated to make it easier for all our members to use and access.

Resources and Other Updates:

- CCDC Documents: The CCDC committee is seeking volunteers to review updated and new documents. Please reach out if you have dedicated time available to assist with this crucial work.
- PCD Course: Updates to the PCD Manual are expected to be finalized in the new year.
- Executive Director Search: The succession selection committee has received over 100 applications for the Executive Director position and will begin the vetting and interview process soon!
- Mentorship Program: The program is up and running, if interested in signing up as a mentor or mentee, please reach out to David Graham (graham.architecture@gmail.com)

Regards,
Colleen Barabonoff
Director, CSC Calgary Chapter

Welcome to Fall from the CSC Calgary Chapter

As the leaves change and another construction season winds down, the Calgary Chapter of Construction Specifications Canada would like to extend a warm welcome to fall. It's a time to reflect on a busy summer of building activity, celebrate the collaboration that drives our industry, and look ahead to new opportunities for learning and connection.

This season, our chapter continues to focus on supporting members

through education, networking, and professional growth. Whether you're a specifier, consultant, supplier, or design professional, we invite you to take part in upcoming chapter meetings, technical presentations, and social events. Together, we strengthen the bridge between design and construction — ensuring clarity, quality, and collaboration in every project.

As we move into the colder months, we encourage everyone to stay engaged, share knowledge, and continue fostering the relationships that make our local construction community so strong.

Wishing you a productive and inspiring fall season!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Connecting the Dots Between CSI Division 3 and Division 9

When: Tuesday, November 18 @ 11:30am
(social time) followed by lunch and presentation

Where: Hotel Blackfoot, 5940 Blackfoot Trail SE, Calgary

This presentation will help participants to understand the basic parameters of work involved with CSI Division 3 and CSI Division 9 and the disconnects between these two CSI divisions and the impact that has on a floor covering installation. Participants will also review and learn about the various performance metrics required by Division 3 concrete including FLand FF numbers. The presentation will review and give an understanding about the curing characteristics of concrete, the costs associated with remediating an out of specification concrete slab after interior finishes have been placed vs early in the construction process. Lastly, participants will discover and be able to explain the cost savings in the overall construction process by having a dimensional true and flat subfloor to start with. (1 LU /AAA/AIA)

Speaker: Brent Johnsen
Business Development Manager, MAPEI
Board Member, National Floor Coverings Association (since 2019)

Speaker Bio:

Brent has over 40 years experience of installation and product knowledge within the flooring trade. He is certified Journeyman Floor Covering Installer and is currently working as Business Development Manager for MAPEI Inc. in Western Canada. Serves on the Board of Directors for the National Floor Covering Association working alongside other industry leaders to promote best practices, industry standards and education within the floor covering industry.

CSC Christmas Social

December 09, 2025

Look out for our CSC Christmas Social event registration! We are looking forward to getting out and having some F.U.N. with everyone from the CSC and our industry partners!



CSC Ignite 2026

The CSC Calgary Chapter is excited to announce our upcoming CSC Ignite event — sparking new ideas, sharing knowledge, and connecting professionals across the construction, design, and specification community with the next generation!

We're asking for your support to help make this event a success! Whether through sponsorship, volunteering, or simply spreading the word, your involvement plays a key role in building momentum for our growing chapter.

Here's how you can help:

- Become a sponsor — showcase your company and support industry collaboration.
- Invite your network — encourage colleagues and partners to attend.
- Volunteer — help us make the event run smoothly and connect with members.

Together, we can make CSC Ignite a standout event that fuels ideas, relationships, and innovation in our industry.

Ready to meet Up-and-Coming Design & Construction Industry Students?

This year's competition will once again incorporate real products from a select group of Manufacturer Sponsors with insights and guidance from Design Industry Sponsors for a real Client's project. 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 5, 2026, Hosted by SAIT Main Campus, Connector Lab
- **Competition Day 1:** Saturday, February 7, 2026, Location TBC
- **Competition Day 2:** Sunday, February 8, 2026, Location TBC
- **Meeting & Awards' Presentations:** Tuesday, February 24, 2026, Hosted by CSC at Hotel Blackfoot

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 Coordinators:** will solicit and coordinate mentors and judges, share criteria and coach mentors, create schedules for mentors and judges, will need to be at the full event to assist with volunteers, assist with food, provide potential resources to students for product information and details – thanks to Carolyn Strand, Exterior Technologies Group, we already have this year's Mentor Coordinator lined up and ready to work!
- **Mentors:** will attend the Kickoff Event on February 5, 2026, and commit one weekend (February 7 & 8, 2026) 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 February 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
- **Sponsors:** various opportunities coming soon for Manufacturer Sponsorship, Design Industry Sponsorship and many more!

Contact: Kirsten Janes, CSC Calgary Chair of the Ignite Student Design Competition
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Interested in sponsorship or volunteering?! Please reach out to Kirsten!

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Sponsor Package
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SUMMARY OF UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2025:

November 18 - Technical Meeting

- Location: Hotel Blackfoot, 5940 Blackfoot Trail SE, Calgary

December 2025:

December 09 – Christmas Social

- Location: Trolley 5 Brewpub, 728 17 Ave SW, Calgary, AB

January 2026:

January 09th 2026 – Rough Necks Game

- Details to follow

January 13th 2026 – Technical Meeting

- Location: Hotel Blackfoot, 5940 Blackfoot Trail SE, Calgary

February 2026:

February 05, 2026 - Ignite Student Design Competition Kick-off

- Location SAIT Main Campus

February 07-08, 2026 - Ignite Student Design Competition

- Location: TBD

February 10, 2026 – Technical Meeting

- Location: Hotel Blackfoot, 5940 Blackfoot Trail SE, Calgary

February 24, 2026 - Ignite Awards Night

- Location: Hotel Blackfoot, 5940 Blackfoot Trail SE, Calgary

March 2026:

March 10, 2026 – Technical Meeting

- Location: Hotel Blackfoot, 5940 Blackfoot Trail SE, Calgary

March TBD: Social

April 2026:

Joint with ABEC/GAMA - Plant Tour: TBD

April TBD: Social

May 2026:

May 12th 2026 – Annual Chapter Meeting

- Location: TBD

May 20 – 23, 2026 – National Conference

- Location: Winnipeg

PAST EVENTS

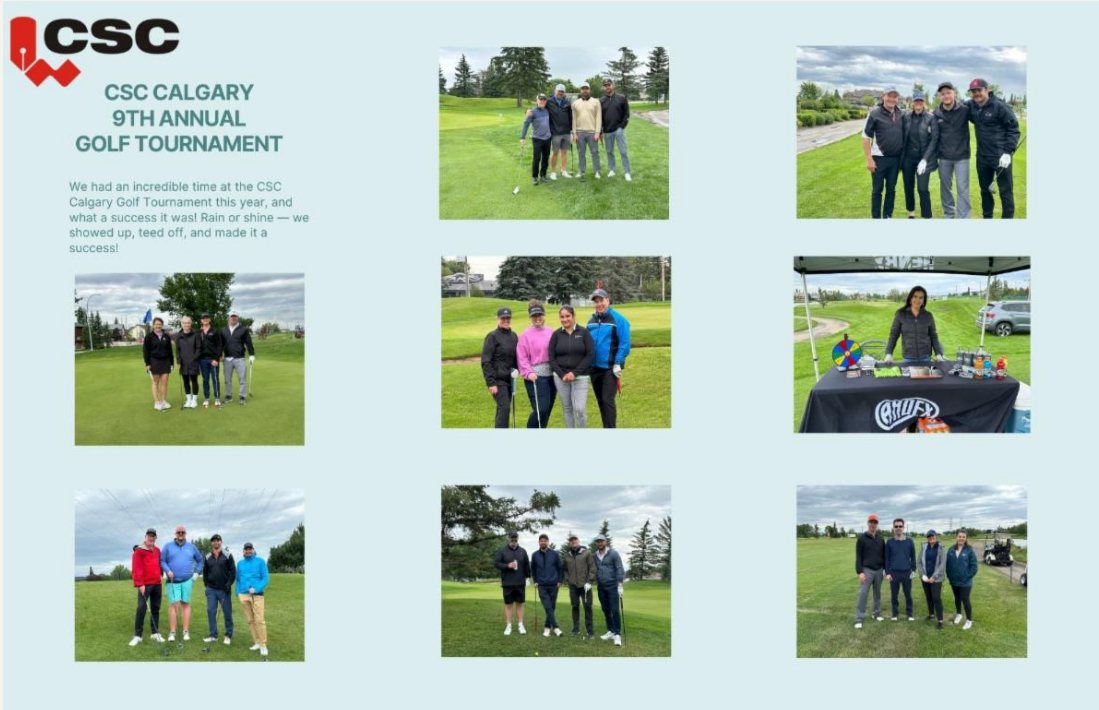
CSC Calgary 9th Annual Golf Tournament

A huge thank-you to everyone who braved the rain and wind to join us for

the 9th Annual CSC Calgary Golf Tournament!

We appreciate all the golfers, sponsors, and volunteers who helped make this year's tournament possible — your participation keeps this tradition going year after year.

We look forward to seeing you (hopefully under sunnier skies!) at next year's event.



The Calgary Chapter of Construction Specifications Canada would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who attended this year's **Connections Café**. Your participation and support help make these networking and learning events such a success.

We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to connect with colleagues, share knowledge, and strengthen relationships within our local design and construction community.

A special thank-you goes out to our generous sponsors — your contributions make events like this possible:

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Your ongoing commitment to the CSC Calgary Chapter and the industry as a whole is greatly appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you at our next event!

CHAPTER NEWS

Reminder: Calgary BuildEX Show!

The Calgary BuildEX Show is almost here — don't miss one of Western Canada's largest events for the building, design, and construction industries!

This annual show brings together professionals from across the sector to explore new products, attend educational seminars, and connect with industry leaders.

Dates: October 22 & 23
Location: BMO Centre at Stampede Park

We encourage all CSC Calgary members and industry partners to attend and take advantage of this great opportunity to learn, network, and be inspired.

See you at BuildEx!

Visit the **BUILDEX**
Website

Top 10 Pitfalls of Elevator Design w/ Gunn Consultants

Join industry experts Andy Bakshi and Daniel Kelly for an informative Lunch and Learn where they'll uncover the common and costly pitfalls that can derail new construction projects.



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This session is approved by the Alberta Association of Architects (AAA) for structured learning units, making it a valuable opportunity to gain both knowledge and professional development credits.



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 **12 - 1PM (MT)**

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