



LONDON CHAPTER Specifier NEWSLETTER

NEXT EVENT:

November/December 2025

Editor: Patricia Aurjo

INFOconnect

Building Science Game Night @ BELi!

January 15, 2026 | 5:30–7:30 PM | 71 Wellington St., London

Join us for an interactive, hands-on learning experience where building science meets fun.

BELi are hosting CSC London with a unique educational journey featuring **four gamified stations** designed to teach real-world enclosure concepts in a fast, engaging format. Don't miss out, space is limited

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Registration Fee:	\$40.00
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Game Stations: be prepared to play at least 2 of the games indicated.

- **Pirates Gold:** Discover insulation + thermal bridging through an escape-room challenge
- **Competitive Air Sealing:** Seal real wall penetrations and test your airtightness skills
- **Psychrometric Village:** Explore humidity, condensation, and temperature through hands-on demos
- **Infrared Treasure Hunt:** Use IR cameras to find hidden clues and diagnose building leaks

Why Attend?

Learn key building-envelope principles, earn structured learning hours, and connect with CSC members — all while competing, laughing, and solving puzzles.

A night of learning, networking, and building-science fun. Don't miss it!

Sponsors take advantage of a special **Building Envelope Sponsor Package** which includes 1 registration at January Event and 2 registration and vendor Table at the BEconnect Event on March 19

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NEW MEMBERS TO LONDON CHAPTER

Bill Matichuk

(bill.matichuk@iko.com)

Please join us in welcoming **Bill Matichuk from IKO** as the newest member of **CSC London!**

We're a small but mighty chapter here in London, and every new voice strengthens our community. Let's make sure Bill feels right at home—reach out, say hello, and help him get connected with our group.

Welcome, Bill!

We're glad to have you with us.

WHY BECOME A MEMBER?

Construction Specifications Canada (CSC-DCC) is built on one core belief: **Better communication builds better projects.**

Membership isn't just a badge — it's joining a national community committed to improving Canada's built environment through clarity, collaboration, and technical excellence.

SPECconnect October Recap

An Afternoon of Insight, Innovation, and Practical Expertise

By Jeff Halaschewski

Our October **SPECconnect** event demonstrated once again why CSC London continues to be a leader in technical knowledge-sharing and professional development. With a mild turnout the audience was engaged with the education and also the various Sponsors, the afternoon delivered three impactful presentations that reflected both the realities and future of construction documentation.

Jeff Halaschewski opened the session with a forward-looking discussion on **AI in Construction Documents**. His presentation explored how artificial intelligence is reshaping research, drafting, and quality control within specifications, while emphasizing the ethics, accountability, and human judgment required to use these tools responsibly. Jeff challenged attendees to think about how AI can elevate—not replace—the expertise of specifiers and designers.

Next, Alex Grames delivered a timely and informative session on **radon mitigation**, highlighting evolving best practices, regulatory requirements, and the growing need to integrate proactive mitigation strategies into design and construction. His talk reinforced the critical role our profession plays in ensuring

2025 Connections Café Recap – Hamilton-Niagara & London Chapters

By Jeff Halaschewski

This year's Connections Café was a reminder of why these events matter—not just for networking, but for genuine industry relationship-building. The Hamilton-Niagara and London Chapters partnered once again to create a welcoming space where product representatives, designers, contractors, and specifiers could gather, share knowledge, and strengthen the ties that support our local construction ecosystem.

While overall delegate attendance was lower than previous years, the atmosphere on the show floor was anything but quiet. In fact, the reduced crowd created an unexpected advantage: more time for meaningful, one-on-one conversations with vendors. Exhibitors arrived energized and fully engaged, offering hands-on demonstrations, technical insights, and thoughtful discussions about where our industry is heading. Many vendors commented that this format allowed them to truly connect—not just collect business cards.

As we look ahead, both Chapters recognize the importance of adapting and evolving. The construction community is changing, and so must our approach to engagement. We're exploring new formats, fresh outreach strategies, and collaborative ideas to strengthen participation and create even more value for members and industry partners.

Your suggestions, innovations, and creativity are always welcome as we continue to build these events together.

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Editorial from the Chair



As we close out another busy year in London and Southwestern Ontario's construction community, I'm reminded of something simple but powerful: we build better when we build together.

Our region is home to an incredible range of organizations—architects, engineers, specification writers, contractors, manufacturers, educators, facility managers, and the many specialists who keep our industry moving forward. Whether you're part of a large firm downtown, an emerging practice in the county, a manufacturer supporting major infrastructure work, or an independent consultant, CSC exists to support you.

And yet, many firms still aren't fully tapping into what CSC can offer.

CSC isn't just a professional association—it's a knowledge hub, a network, and a platform for development. Our chapter offers education that strengthens project delivery, events that encourage collaboration across disciplines, and a community committed to elevating construction documentation and communication. From mentoring emerging professionals to helping teams navigate specifications, contract administration, and new technologies, CSC is here to help your organization grow stronger and build smarter.

If your firm is expanding, onboarding new staff, exploring AI applications, facing rising project complexity, or simply looking to stay competitive—this is the moment to connect with CSC London. Membership gives your team direct access to national resources, local expertise, training opportunities, networking events, and a community that genuinely cares about raising the bar in our industry.

So here's my ask:

If you're not yet involved, join us.

If you've been on the sidelines, re-engage.

And if your firm is looking for support, reach out—we're ready.

Let's continue building excellence in London, together.

Brad Beharrell CCCA
Chair, CSC London Chapter

Editorial from the Education Officer

If there's one thing I've learned in working with professionals across London and the surrounding area, it's this: people want to grow. They want clarity in their work, confidence in their decisions, and pathways that help them move forward. That's exactly what CSC education delivers.

Our courses—PCD, CCA, TR & the Specifier Courses—give individuals practical skills they can use the very next day. And we're seeing the results right here in our chapter. Those who've taken CSC courses are stepping into bigger roles, communicating more effectively, and bringing a new level of professionalism to their teams.

For firms, this translates into stronger project coordination, fewer surprises, and staff who understand how documentation truly shapes project outcomes.

So if you've been thinking about investing in training, **NOW IS THE TIME.**

PCD course is scheduled to be hosted at the LCD Office in January. So register soon

CSC education builds more than knowledge—it builds confidence, competence, and a stronger industry for all of us.

Matthew Miller

Have you Nominated a Volunteer to be regonized lately...
Now is your time to support our volenteers!

Celebrating the People Who Build CSC — Together



From Jeff Halashewski

In every chapter across Canada, CSC is powered by something more valuable than any standard, specification, or seminar: **its people**. Our strength has always come from volunteers who share their time, their experience, and their passion for elevating our industry. CSC's national and chapter-level recognition awards are one of the most meaningful ways we honour that work — and now, more than ever, **every member has a role to play**.

Why Recognition Matters

Recognition is more than a plaque or a moment at the podium. It is our way of saying, *"Thank you — what you do matters."*

Volunteerism is the backbone of CSC. Our chapters thrive because members step forward to teach, mentor, plan events, support students, build connections, and advance our shared commitment to excellence in construction documentation. Celebrating these contributions is essential to building a strong, vibrant community that continues to grow.

Chapter Award of Merit: Local Champions, Local Impact

The **Chapter Award of Merit** recognizes individuals who have made distinguished contributions at the chapter level through leadership, service, or sustained involvement. These are often the quiet heroes — the people who consistently support programs, keep events running, welcome new members, and strengthen relationships across our local construction community.

Chapters know their people best. This award is an opportunity to highlight those whose dedication impacts the day-to-day life of CSC in London, Hamilton, Grand Valley, Niagara, or any chapter across the country.

National Award of Merit: Leadership Felt Across Canada

The **National Award of Merit** honours individuals whose service has influenced CSC at a national level — contributing to committees, educational programs, membership initiatives, communications, conference leadership, or national governance.

These recipients help shape the future of our association. Their effort moves the needle on national collaboration and strengthens the profession across Canada's built environment.

Fellow and Life Member Nominations: Our Highest Honours

To be named a **CSC Fellow** is to be recognized for extraordinary leadership, commitment, and impact on the advancement of our profession.

To become a **Life Member** is to be acknowledged for a lifetime of significant service to CSC, sustained dedication, and contributions that have shaped the association in a lasting way.

These honours reflect not only excellence but legacy. They speak to members whose influence continues long after individual terms or committee roles end.

How Members Can Get Involved in the Nomination Process

This year — and every year — nominations begin with **you**.

CSC's recognition program is built on member insight, peer support, and a collective understanding of who is making a difference.

Getting involved is simple: (form are available from your local Chapter executive)

1. **Identify someone whose impact deserves a spotlight.** Think of volunteers who inspire you, who consistently show up, or who have elevated our chapter or national organization.
2. **Gather letters and supporting information.** Most nominations require a summary of the candidate's contributions, their involvement timeline, and examples of meaningful service.
3. **Connect with your Chapter Executive.** They can provide guidance, nomination forms, and criteria to ensure a strong submission.
4. **Submit early — not at the last minute.** Thoughtful nominations take time and reflect the value of the individual being honoured.
5. **Encourage others to participate.** Recognition grows a culture of appreciation and inspires new volunteers to step forward.

A Stronger CSC Begins With Us

Every award, every story, and every nomination reflects what makes CSC unique: a community built on shared knowledge, collaboration, and the passion to serve. When we celebrate our volunteers, we reinforce the culture we want to grow — one where contribution is noticed, appreciated, and encouraged.

Let's take the time to lift up those who lift up our chapters.

Let's recognize the leaders shaping the future of our profession.

And let's remind our volunteers — new and long-standing — that **CSC is stronger because of them.**

Now is the time. If you know someone deserving, start the nomination.

Their impact deserves to be celebrated.



WHAT ARE THE OTHER ASSOCIATIONS DOING AROUND LONDON

OACETT London Chapter

Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians & Technologists – London Chapter

Note: This chapter also offers ongoing CPD webinars and virtual events at the provincial level, such as:

London & District Construction Association (LDCA).

- Typically, LDCA holds monthly or quarterly networking, advocacy, and educational breakfasts or dinners. Reach out directly for their fall schedule.

London District Heavy Construction Association (LDHCA)

Key upcoming events:

Association of Architectural Technologists of Ontario (AATO)

- No London-specific events currently listed. Check their website or contact their provincial office for regional meet-ups or webinars.

Architects (OAA / LSA) & Others

- **The London Society of Architects / OAA Chapter** and **AATO** currently appear to have no publicly announced local events i

ARIDO – Association of Registered Interior Designers of Ontario

No London-specific events currently listed. Check their website or contact their provincial office for regional meet-ups or webinars.

IIDA – International Interior Design Association (Ontario/Canada)

No London-specific events currently listed. Check their website or contact their provincial office for regional meet-ups or webinars.

IDC (Interior Designers of Canada): Usually active through ARIDO+IDC collaborations, but no dedicated local events in London announced for the next few months

DDA Canada & Local Decorators' Groups: No upcoming London area events found in public listings—recommend checking their networks or individual firm websites directly.

LINKS TO ARTICLE, POD CASTS AND OTHER INFORMATION OF INTEREST

Recent Building-Envelope Articles Worth Linking

- “Smart Facade Technologies for Commercial Buildings – Building Envelope as an Energy Generator” (Nov 24, 2025) — explores how modern façades are being designed not only as protective shells, but as active energy-producing systems. [Building Enclosure Online](#)
- “Navigating the LEED v5 Rating System” (Nov 23, 2025) — addresses updated building-envelope, sustainability, and efficiency requirements under the new LEED v5 standard. [Building Enclosure Online](#)
- “Thermal-Bridge-Free Smart Façades That Achieve ASHRAE 90.1 Compliance — Beyond CI Alone” (Nov 21, 2025) — analyzes how façade design must go beyond continuous insulation (CI) to properly meet energy, moisture, and durability requirements. [Building Enclosure Online](#)
- “Low-Carbon Building Envelopes for Industrialized Construction & Retrofit” (Oct 22, 2025) — a report from Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) exploring next-gen, carbon-storing envelope assemblies and sustainable construction systems. [Natural Resources Canada](#)

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