

For Immediate Release:

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[Construction Specifications Canada](#) (CSC) [Grand Valley](#) and [Toronto](#) Chapters proudly present the 5th annual Student Design Competition, open to all current post-secondary school students in Ontario with an interest in construction-related activities including architecture, landscape architecture, engineering, interior design, construction management, innovative products, and manufacturing. Each year a site of significant historic, architectural or community interest is chosen as a case study with the potential of aligning with concurrent design studio curriculum.



CSC-Grand Valley & CSC Toronto

invite you to take up the challenge! Register your team at
CSCDESIGNCHALLENGE.CA

This year's theme for the challenge is "Hospitality" and the subject building is [48 Ontario Street](#), a 15,000+ sq ft building in Kitchener's downtown technology cluster. Recently acquired from the City through a competitive pitch process, the new owner has a vision to repurpose the building in a way that both celebrates its past and guarantees its future. Voisin Capital is committed to playing an active role in shaping the Region of Waterloo, the City of Guelph and surrounding communities. They are enthusiastic supporters of student mentorship, partnering with us for three successful challenges. More about Voisin Capital at <http://voisincapital.com/>

Entries may be submitted by individuals, or by teams consisting of up to 5 people. While no budgetary restrictions are imposed, design proposals will be judged, in addition to visual and programming content, on their effective use of prescribed materials and (not surprisingly) the strength of their technical specification documentation. Registration closes on Wednesday, April 25th, 2018 and the final deadline for submissions is Friday, April 27th at midnight.

For complete details visit the official website at <https://www.cscdesignchallenge.ca/>

The CSC Student Design Competition Committee gratefully acknowledges the ongoing support of the iGuide team, a local Kitchener-Waterloo start-up and emerging leader in real estate technology products with market penetration throughout the world. The iGuide 3D virtual tour of the main and second floors at 48 Ontario Street (complete with software that dimensions the space), allows us to open up the competition to all students, providing the benefits of a site visit to those unable to travel to the site while eliminating the risks of exploring an unrestored heritage building, particularly liability to Owners and Contractors.

Enjoy the virtual tour of 48 Ontario Street
at <https://goiguide.com/csc/>

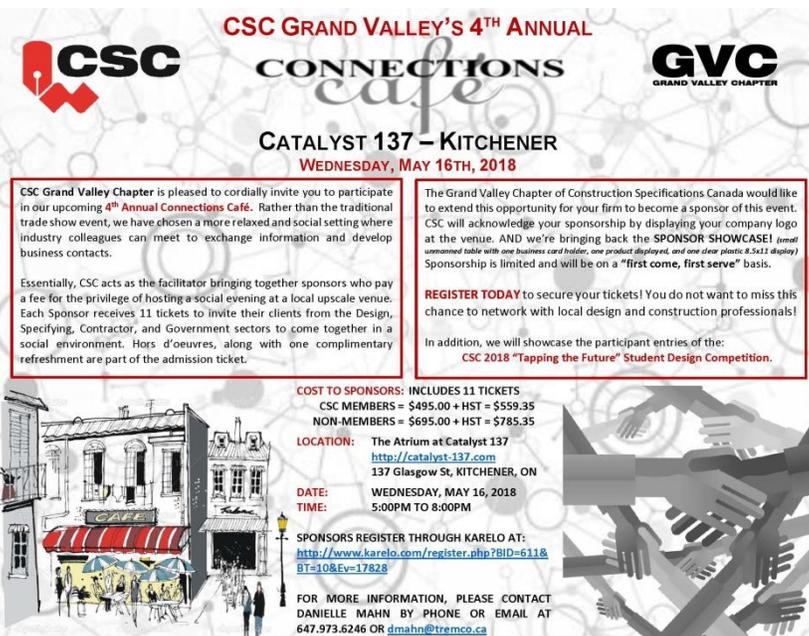
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The Latest:

Students & faculty from the Ryerson School of Interior Design were welcomed by City Councillor, [Sarah Marsh](#) and [Raj Saini](#), MP of Kitchener Centre on Friday, February 2nd during a tour of the site and of downtown Kitchener. This was the school's fourth visit to Waterloo Region to experience the local [hospitality](#) and study our architectural, economic and demographic influences. Their research will inform a case study of the former Bell Telephone Co. building turned Royal Canadian Legion Branch 50, otherwise known as "the Legion" at 48 Ontario Street. Restaurateur Glenn Smith joined the tour to get reacquainted with the building where, back in 1986, he launched an outrageous experiment as a concert promoter and introduced such talented blues artists as [Buddy Guy](#) and [Mel Brown](#) from (mostly) New Orleans, Detroit and the Chicago area to a new audience. Legendary performances and Sold-Out shows at the Legion Dance Hall animate the story of Kitchener's love affair with the Blues. [Glenn Smith](#) will be sharing more about the City's blues roots following the release of a live interview with [Martin de Groot](#) shot at the [Commons Studio](#) later that afternoon.

Design Competition Backgrounder:

The Design Challenge is a student outreach initiative championed by participating members of Construction Specifications Canada in the Waterloo Region (Grand Valley) - Toronto Corridor with generous support at the CSC National level. Since 2014, it has opened new avenues of collaboration with post-secondary design schools, and with industry, municipal and community partners. The success of the first Competition, featuring the iconic Galt Post Office, designed by Architect Thomas Fuller, prompted information requests from other CSC Chapters across the country. Document templates and guidelines were published in both official languages as a starting point for committees to develop their own localized design challenges, and so, unexpectedly, a new opportunity arose to promote the unique, multi-disciplinary role that Construction Specifications Canada plays in the AEC space, and, more importantly, to raise awareness, early on in a student's career journey of the necessity of quality specifications in construction documentation; a painful and problematic gap in industry practice.



CSC GRAND VALLEY'S 4TH ANNUAL CONNECTIONS café

CATALYST 137 – KITCHENER
WEDNESDAY, MAY 16TH, 2018

CSC Grand Valley Chapter is pleased to cordially invite you to participate in our upcoming 4th Annual Connections Café. Rather than the traditional trades show event, we have chosen a more relaxed and social setting where industry colleagues can meet to exchange information and develop business contacts.

Essentially, CSC acts as the facilitator bringing together sponsors who pay a fee for the privilege of hosting a social evening at a local upscale venue. Each Sponsor receives 11 tickets to invite their clients from the Design, Specifying, Contractor, and Government sectors to come together in a social environment. Hors d'oeuvres, along with one complimentary refreshment are part of the admission ticket.

The Grand Valley Chapter of Construction Specifications Canada would like to extend this opportunity for your firm to become a sponsor of this event. CSC will acknowledge your sponsorship by displaying your company logo at the venue. AND we're bringing back the SPONSOR SHOWCASE! (small unassigned table with one business card holder, one product display, and one clear plastic 8.5x11 display). Sponsorship is limited and will be on a "first come, first serve" basis.

REGISTER TODAY to secure your tickets! You do not want to miss this chance to network with local design and construction professionals!

In addition, we will showcase the participant entries of the:
CSC 2018 "Tapping the Future" Student Design Competition.

COST TO SPONSORS: INCLUDES 11 TICKETS
CSC MEMBERS = \$495.00 + HST = \$559.35
NON-MEMBERS = \$695.00 + HST = \$785.35

LOCATION: The Atrium at Catalyst 137
<http://catalyst-137.com>
137 Glasgow St, KITCHENER, ON

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 2018
TIME: 5:00PM TO 8:00PM

SPONSORS REGISTER THROUGH KARELO AT:
<http://www.karelo.com/register.php?BID=611&BT=10&Ev=17828>

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT DANIELLE MAHN BY PHONE OR EMAIL AT 647.973.6246 OR dmahn@tremco.ca

The winners of this year's challenge will be announced on May 16th at Catalyst137 during [Connections Café](#), an industry networking event where invited guests from the local construction and design community will join us in rallying around the finalist teams. The winning submissions will be decided by a panel of select judges with particular expertise in interior design, architecture and construction specifications. Students will have the opportunity to showcase their work in front of a diverse cross section of AEC professionals while vying for the "People's Choice Award" decided by popular vote and tallied moments before the Awards Presentation.

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