WELCOME RCI-WCC’rs to SPRING 2018!

FROM THE ALMANAC
April and May will have above-normal temperatures, with near-to below-normal precipitation. Summer will be slightly cooler and drier than normal, with the hottest periods in early to mid-June, mid- to late July, and early August.
Waaaiiitto a second! Was that April near to below normal precipitation?!?!? What are these farmers growing exactly?

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE RCIWCC Spring Seminar & Tradeshow May 11, 2018?
Make sure to sign up for our RCIWCC Spring Seminar & Tradeshow, which will take place Friday May 11, 2018 at the Italian Cultural Centre. We are quickly running out of room for sponsors and delegates so reserve your spots early this will be an excellent presentation! Register Here

Presenters for the event include:
Jerry Abendroth, RRC, RWC, REWC, RBEC, RRO, CDT - Terracon
Introductions, Litigation Basics
Roof considerations and Related Case Studies
Behavior of Sealants and Related Case Studies
Multifamily Construction and Related Case Studies
Legal Case Studies
Helene Hardy Pierce, BSEM - VP of Technical Services, Codes and Industry Relations for GAF
TPO Roofing Systems

This seminar Qualifies for 7.0 CEHs and 7 AIBC Credits

What? Still Haven’t Signed Up? I’m not sure what you are waiting for?
WHAT’S BEEN HAPPENING AT YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER?

CHANGES TO YOUR LOCAL BOARD
We have had some changes on the Board as of the AGM in January we had a number of Board members step down to pursue newer and more exciting activities….wait is that even possible? There is apparently life after and around the RCIWCC Board, but we would like to extend a special thank you to James Bourget who served as our Education Chair, Dean Carate a key link of the Golf Committee and Technical Committee, and Jordan Gervais who looked after Marketing and made various wise observations. Best of luck Gentlemen and thanks you for all of the hard work over the years!

As is fitting for spring, with the vacancies left by the departing board member we would also like to welcome our newest members of the board, Josh Dewy of IKO, Ted Neef of BCRI, Glade Schoenfeld of RJC, and David Taguchi of RDH. Thanks for stepping up to the plate gentlemen! We are looking forward to working with you and getting to know you over the coming year!

REGION VI DIRECTOR CHANGE
We would also like to extend our gratitude and an extra special thank you to Mr. Paul Kompauer. Paul has gone above and beyond in time and effort dedicated to the betterment of not only our chapter but of RCI as a whole. Paul has served as the tireless director of Region VI since 2014 logging countless miles and always having an equal amount of enthusiasm for the organization and working to make it what it has become today, his term as a director has now come to an end as of March of this year. THANK YOU PAUL!

With Paul’s departure, Blair Baxter has been elected as our new director for Region VI. Blair has been a Registered Roof Consultant, 1997 to present, a member, Alberta Building Envelope Council, a member, Construction Specifications Canada RCI, Inc. He also Served on the RRC Exam Development Subcommittee, 2002-2005, 2005-2008, and 2009-2012, Technical Advisory Committee, 2010-2013 and 2013-2016, and the Bylaws Committee, 2017 to present. Blair was a former President of our very own chapter in 2005, and was the founding president of the Canadian Prairies Chapter in 2011. We are looking forward to working with Blair over his terms as director!

Things That Happen Behind Your Back
By Ted Neef, RRO-BC Roof Inspections

The role of a roof inspector or consultant should not end with the completion of the roof. On a roof replacement project, tools and equipment need to be downloaded and any temporary roof anchors need to be removed. On a new construction project, things become more complicated. There are numerous trades that will come to the site long after the roofing or slab waterproofing is complete. In both cases, damage can occur to the waterproofing membrane, either through carelessness or purely accidental in nature. It is critical that the inspector follows up to ensure that all damage or negligent work caused by other trades is corrected before any backfill takes place or before handing the project back to the owners. Design issues need to be discussed at
the beginning of the project to avoid surprises in the future. Below are some of the more common issues that I have encountered in my role as roof inspector.

Driving Bobcats, boom lifts or other machinery over a completed SBS membrane installed to a concrete slab without installing protection will result in damage to the membrane. Using said Bobcat to push a pile of debris off the slab will result in deep gouges, rips and tears to the membrane. This type of damage is usually easy to spot. This type of damage must be corrected before being covered up.

Damage to a completed membrane can also be caused from objects falling from above, or from concrete forms built over a completed waterproofing membrane. While this damage is large and clearly visible, other damage noted in this area was small and barely visible. (Upper Left)

Another area that is frequently damaged are door thresholds. Many workers are likely to install doors over this damage. (Upper Right)

BUR vents are easily damaged by other trades. They can make good platforms to store items off the roof (when located a little closer together) or steps for reaching the next elevation. Sometimes though, they just plain get in the way. (Upper Left)
While most damage to vents or other roof protrusions is fairly obvious, closer inspection can reveal damage that is more difficult to see. In this case the damage was intentionally covered with granules in an attempt to hide the sin by the guilty individual. (Upper Right)

Scuff marks on asphalt shingles are quite common when the weather is warm. Some shingles are more resistant to scuffing than others. Most of the damage is a result of other trades working off of the lower roofs installing siding, windows, gutters or painting. Much of this damage occurs long after the roofing contractor has completed the work on that building.

Siding that was removed during a re-roof needs to be checked to ensure that it was properly re-secured, particularly in hard to reach areas. This is also important on new construction as many times the contractor will cut corners here as it is difficult to secure the siding properly or difficult to access. (Upper Left)

Issues with the placement of mechanical equipment or penetrations needs to be addressed before the roofing starts to avoid problems, such as this plumbing vent partially buried in the wall. (Upper Right)

The role of the roof inspector in many cases should not end with the completion of the roof membrane. I believe that we owe it to our clients to ensure that all efforts have been made to provide them with a membrane that is in perfect condition free from damage, whether caused by the roofers or others. I also believe that we must ensure that all roof top equipment, such as the cap flashing above, is properly installed and watertight. Too often I have seen damaged caused by others that dates back to the time of original construction on projects that are 6-8 years old, or on re-roof projects, just past the 5-year company guarantee. This results in the owners having to spend tens of thousands of dollars to correct items that should have been addressed before the project was closed out.
RCIWCC OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AWARD

In acknowledging our 19th year since inception, the 2017 RCI Western Canada Board of Directors would like to congratulate Paul Kompauer who is this year’s recipient of the Contribution Award.

As mentioned earlier Paul has dedicated effort to the growing and betterment of the RCI and the RCIWCC and has been a lynch pin in the success we enjoy as an organization today. At the Annual Convention in Houston, Paul received his 15-year membership pin, he joined RCI as a professional member in 2002. Immediately he moved through the ranks and was president for two years in 2007 & 2008. In 2014 Paul was asked to run for election as a regional director for Region VI, which included Manitoba to BC, Yukon & NWT. He was elected and served a two-year term. In 2016 he ran and was elected for my second two-year term which was concluded at the Annual RCI Convention in Houston, Texas. Paul although “retired” from RCI, is still involved and has volunteered to sit on a Convention Committee for at least 2 years. Well Done Sir!

This prestigious award was chosen from past and present members of the RCI Western Canada Chapter, who have generously given their time and efforts to promote the ideals of RCI and who have worked diligently to ensure the overwhelming success of the Chapter.

MARK THE DATE! THE RCI-WCC 20th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT AUGUST 17TH 2018

TWENTY YEARS! Can you believe it! The 20th Annual RCI-WCC Golf Tournament is on the horizon! August 17th at Meadow Gardens Million Dollar Hole in ones (that’s not true), Ferrari Give Away! (Not True Either) It will be a Great Time! (Very Very True!) Watch for registration to open and reserve your spot!
RCI Western Canada Chapter Top Apprentice Award Architectural Sheet Metal

Congratulations to Patrick Alexander (Bothwell Accurate Company (BC) Ltd.) for winning the RCI Western Canada Chapter’s Top Apprentice Award for the Architectural Sheet Metal class from Jan 2 – Feb 9, 2018.

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