

IIBEC-WCC TELEGRAM

Winter 2021 Edition



International Institute of Building Enclosure Consultants (IIBEC)

Western Canada Chapter

Hello fellow IIBEC-Western Canada Chapter Members! No News is Good News? I would be on the opposing side of this statement. 2020 sure had some fun with everybody, and your Local International Institute of Building Enclosure Consultants (IIBEC) Western Canada Chapter was no exception! 2020 Spring seminar...Cancelled, 2020 Golf Tournament ...Cancelled. We were still able to offer Virtual Summer & Fall Webinar's to help everyone stay connected and get you those wonderful credits you dream about. A necessary adjustment given the wonderful state of affairs these days. We certainly miss the comradery, delicious food, and excellent live presentations we have grown accustomed to at our regular live and in person meetings but there is some hope on the Horizon for the coming year. There was a whisper on the wind of an actual live and in person Golf Tournament! We can keep our fingers crossed and see what the year and the Covid situation shapes up to be. As a plan "B" we have started purchasing and accumulating used Nintendo Wii's to ship to the membership with a supply of Beer for that lovely virtual golf experience. (This is entirely untrue).

We do have our upcoming Virtual 2021 and Webinar coming on the 29th, more information and links below, but what would starting off a New Year be without a message from our esteemed President? Thankfully, he seems fully on board with the electoral process.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year!

We here at IIBEC Western Canada want to wish you all an incredibly happy and profitable new year. We can only hope that it will be better than last year.



With this pandemic, there have been tragedies and sad situations where people have lost loved ones and that is not a good thing. If you are one of the people who have lost someone, we at IIBEC WCC wish to express our deepest sympathies to you and your family. Losing a family member at any time is not easy, but no one wants to be taken from this earth as one of the statistics of a pandemic. Please know that I, **and hopefully everyone else**, are doing all that we can to try to stop the spread, so less people must suffer. I stay home as much as I can, I wear my mask everywhere, and wash my hands a lot. Christmas this year

was boring and quiet.

2021 will still see a lot of Covid hardship and challenges, and we must all remain vigilant if we expect to see the other side of this pandemic, but with all the adapting we have done to make work happen, we should be able to keep the ship afloat much easier than back in the spring of last year.

We all must adjust and find a way to continue working in the new Covid environment. We must make some changes in how we all do things, but the human spirit seems to persevere, and most of us will adapt.

Many of you are working from your home office now, with a cat on your lap, or kids constantly pecking at your heels. The office day is not 9 to 5 anymore. We can drift over to the computer and bash out an email and then go back over to catch the drama on Dr. Phil anytime we like. I personally cannot get anything done when Ellen comes on!

The office dress code has changed. Its pajamas till mid morning, then the top half gets changed to a fake suit so the Zoom call can happen. BTW...where did Zoom come from? It seemed to appear along with the virus – conspiracy, maybe?

Site meetings and field reviews seems to still be happening without any misstep. We all just must learn to respect each other's expanded personal space and mask fashion choice (personally, I prefer the surgical blue over white, but I throw in a twist in the strings on the side to add flair! Mask chic is now a thing.

For many of us, this new normal will continue after the pandemic. While the mask may fade away for most people, Hand shaking will likely be ruled out for many in favour of a fist bump, a

wave, or some other cordiality. Really, do we need to physically touch everyone in the room? I am sure each person will choose their own changes and for some, going right back to the way things were before the pandemic will be their choice, and that is all good. You do you, just let me do me!

IIBEC WCC is planning an online AGM and Seminar event for later this month, and we will likely do another online event in the spring, BUT we are planning for an in-person event in the fall – just in case things get sorted out and we are all vaccinated by then. If things are not cool by the fall, we will go back to an online event, but we are hopeful and want to keep the door open. Also, did someone say GOLF in the summer?! Keep your fingers crossed.

Stay safe and carry on!

Your Chapter President
Sean Lang

UPCOMING EVENTS

IIBEC WCC 2021 AGM & WEBINAR Friday, January 29, 2021
8:30am – 12:30pm

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Friday January 29, 2021
8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Presentation	Start time	Time	Speakers
The Power of Data in your Pocket	8:30-9:45	1.25	Jason Teetaert, SMT Research
Roof Ice Melt Solutions to Eliminate Ice Dams and Icicles	9:45-11:15	1.50	Bill Condon, nVent Thermal Management
Break	11:15-11:30		Break
IIBEC AGM	11:30-12:30	1.00	IIBEC Board of Directors

THIS IS A ZOOM WEBINAR, LINK TO BE PROVIDED AFTER REGISTRATION, QUALIFIES FOR 4 IIBEC CEH's
Delegate:\$50.00 (plus GST) Students:\$40.00 (plus GST)
 Register online: <https://westerncanada.iibec.org/events/>
 *Start times are approximate

IIBEC Western Canada Chapter Outstanding Contribution Award

In acknowledging our 23rd year since inception, the 2020 Western Canada Board of Directors are requesting nominations for the Chapter's Annual "Outstanding Contribution Award".

This prestigious award will be chosen from past and present members and non-members of the IIBEC (RCI) Western Canada Chapter, who have generously given their time and efforts to promote the ideals of IIBEC and who have worked diligently to ensure the overwhelming success of the Chapter. Submit your nominee here <https://westerncanada.iibec.org/outstanding-contribution-award/>

Past Winners:

2019 – Don Utsunomiya, 2018 – Monty Klein, 2017 – Paul Kompauer, 2016 – Russ Hobbs, 2015 – Tom Parisien, 2014 – John Pitre, 2013 – Bob Elsdon, 2012 – John Wells

FROM YOUR TECHNICAL COMMITTEE:

High Efficiency Gas Hot Water Tanks, Fireplaces, and Furnaces

By Ted Neef, RRO, Phoenix Roof Consultants

Many older houses and buildings are having their old equipment replaced when they fail with new high efficiency units that have different venting requirements than what was required previously. This can lead to challenges for the HVAC contractor who is completing the installation, particularly when it comes to determining out how to vent the units.



Occasionally the vents will be installed through a purpose-built roof flashing, but quite often they will be run up through the existing B-vent pipe. This can create a challenge regarding sealing multiple pipes.

Compounding the problem are some of the sealants used that do not adhere well to the pipes. Water can leak in down the pipe, resulting in the occupant reporting an annoying drip-drip sound that they cannot locate.



Some other clever ideas witnessed are to run the new exhaust through an existing vent. If the ducting is in the way, just disconnect it.



Here is another example where new exhaust pipes were run up through existing vents. The resourcefulness of the HVAC crews never ceases to amaze me.



Occasionally we can find the new exhaust installed through a wall, or occasionally through a chimney chase.



There are solutions to this situation, such as installing proprietary caps to convert the B-vent pipe for use with a high efficiency furnace exhaust. It is the consultant's responsibility to take these occurrences into consideration when creating the job specific specifications for a roof system replacement. The consultant may need to engage a HVAC contractor for code or installation specific details regarding separating pipes. It should never be left up to the roofing contractor to determine the solution.



PICTURES FROM YOUR OFFICE

Thanks to Glen Duxbury of Glen Duxbury Inspections for Submitting this “Picture From Your Office”



“Although it wasn’t a “*spectacular*” weather day, the view from this rooftop in New Westminster was worth capturing.”

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

We are looking to add some content to our newsletter and are hoping to get some crowd participation!

- **PICTURES FROM YOUR OFFICE:** Everyday we are out and about our great province and city seeing some of the most interesting views you can see, best seats in the house as they say! See a spectacular view you would like to share with your peers? Send in your photos to sean@roofixinc.com and we can include them in the next issue. Winning submission receives a \$25.00 gift card.
- **INDUSTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Did you or one of your colleagues get a promotion? Did something great happen at your firm? Is there a new hire you would like to acknowledge, or did someone receive their RRO? Send in announcements you would like to see included in the next issue of the IIBEC-WCC Telegram to sean@roofixinc.com.



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