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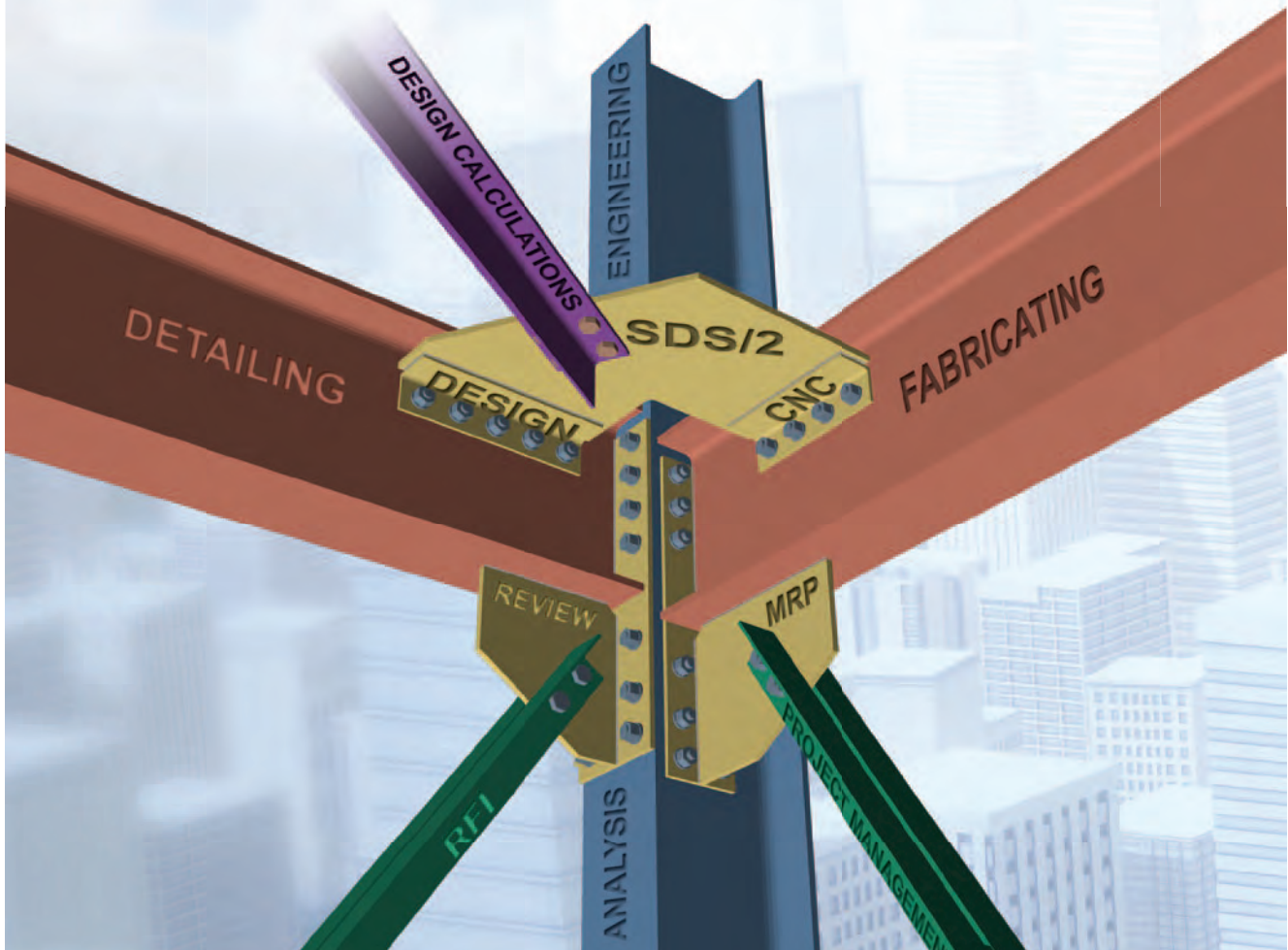


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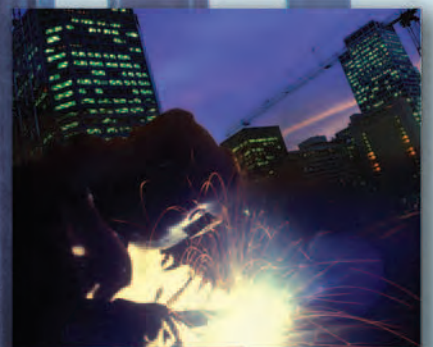




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FROM THE EDITOR

The Canadian Institute of Steel Construction and our related foundation the Structural Steel Education Foundation supports and develops numerous learning initiatives and programs for University Students across Canada. *Full House* takes an inside look at the dynamics during last May's Bridge Competition in Las Vegas. *Tension*,

highlights the annual SSEF Architectural Competition. It is wonderful to see, that with the generous support of the members of the CISC and SSEF, Canada's education system is producing world class engineers and architects able to compete on an international stage.

Built in the 1929, Toronto's Automotive Building was a beautiful Art Deco icon. However, it was time to bring the landmark into the 21st century as the state-of-the-art Allstream Conference Centre. There was a major hurdle; the designers' vision of a grand hall with no columns. Sustainable steel to the rescue! The new long-span steel roof structure is part of the green solution certifying the revitalized building LEED Silver.

The image above of the new Go Transit, Streetsville Bus Facility received an Ontario, Green Buildings, Award of Merit. It is another example of sustainable steel's contribution to the greening of modern construction. Our cover image of Calgary's spectacular Water Centre is the recipient of 2009 Alberta, Architectural Award. As always our summary of these awards is an interesting read.

Seismic Corner examines Ductility and Notch-toughness of Structure Steel. While *For Green's Sake* examines recent advances in steel production – probably the most environmental product made.

Ed Whalen, P.Eng.
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SEISMIC CORNER

DUCTILITY AND NOTCH-TOUGHNESS OF STRUCTURAL STEEL

Alfred F. Wong, P.Eng.

The energy-dissipating elements in seismic-force-resisting systems must endure stable inelastic cyclic deformation when subjected to the design ground motions. In steel systems that are designed in accordance with capacity-design principles, these elements may be frame members, in-fill plates in plate walls, connection gusset plates or other parts of the system (See Clause 27 of CSA S16-01 and Seismic Corner article in Issue No. 33).

DUCTILITY

In order to ensure adequate post-yield behaviour, these elements should be made of steel products that possess the characteristics below:

- 1) Good ductility ($\geq 20\%$ longitudinal elongation in a 50 mm gauge length) and
- 2) A large amount of strain-hardening (yield-stress-to-tensile-strength ratio ≤ 0.85).

Clause 27 of CSA Standard S16-01 provides specific requirements for the material used in the energy-dissipating elements. By referencing Clauses 5.1.3 and 8.6 (a) and restricting the steel grades to those having a specified minimum yield stress, F_y , not greater than 350 MPa, Clause 27.1.5.1 explicitly recognizes all weldable grades of steel in CSA G40.21 having F_y not greater than 350 MPa and ASTM A992. These steels meet the above-mentioned elongation requirement because they are required to pass mill tests including minimum elongation limits (stipulated in the CSA or ASTM standard) ranging from 21% to 23%. Also, the F_y -to- F_u ratios of all these steels are less than 0.85 ($0.61 \leq F_y/F_u \leq 0.78$). Use of other grades of steel requires demonstration that the energy-dissipating elements can sustain the high post-yield strains needed to achieve the performance assumed in the design. It should be noted that ASTM A992 Specification provides an additional assurance by restricting the maximum mill-test yield-strength-to-tensile-strength ratio to 0.85 and A992 is now the most common grade of steel for wide-flange shapes in Canada.

Steel products, in compliance with Clauses 5.1.3 and 8.6 (a) and having F_y greater than 350 MPa but not exceeding 480 MPa, are permitted for use as columns where inelastic hinging is expected at the base only, such as fixed-base columns in moment-resisting frames.

NOTCH-TOUGHNESS

Because structures experience significant strain rate effect when subjected to a strong earthquake steel notch-toughness is also desirable, especially for heavy rolled sections and thick plate elements. Clause 27.1.5.2 stipulates a minimum average Charpy V-notch impact test value of 27 joules at 20°C for rolled shapes with flanges 40 millimetres and thicker and plates over 51 millimetres in thickness that are used in energy dissipating elements for buildings with specified short-period spectral acceleration ratios, $I_E F_a S_d(0.2)$, greater than 0.55. This requirement also applies to welded members anywhere in the seismic-force-resisting system. The impact tests should conform to the pertinent requirements in CSA G40.20. Clause 27.1.5.2 also specifies the test frequency and the location in the cross-section of rolled shape where the test specimen is taken from. Research studies conducted in the U.S. demonstrated that lighter rolled sections and thinner plates, benefited from sufficient thickness reduction in the production rolling process, generally possess notch-toughness exceeding the above-mentioned minimum requirement. It should be noted that the minimum notch-toughness required for this application is less demanding in comparison with requirements established in CSA Standards G40.20 /G40.21 for notch-tough steels. For example, Charpy V-notch test requirements for 350WT steel in Categories 1, 2, 3 and 4 are 27 joules at 0°C, -20°C, -30°C and -45°C respectively.

SUMMARY

Structural grades of steel for shapes and plates that are most commonly used, such as ASTM A992 and CSA G40.21 300W and 350W products, meet the ductility requirements for seismic design applications. They are also considered adequate for low seismicity applications without test verification for notch-toughness, regardless of thickness or size.

For higher seismicity applications, thick plates and relatively heavy sections used in energy-dissipating elements and welded parts of the seismic-force-resisting system require a moderate notch-toughness to be verified by tests. It should be noted that the use of thick plates and heavy sections as energy-dissipating elements can usually be avoided except for large structures. They may be necessary for use as columns with welded parts or connections in mid-rise and high-rise buildings. Because thick plates and heavy sections are usually purchased directly from the mills the purchaser includes these moderate Charpy V-notch test requirements in the mill order specification.

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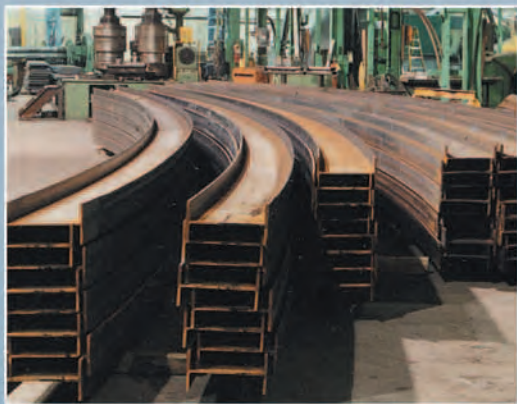
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The Allstream Centre under construction

ALLSTREAM CENTRE: TEACHING AN OLD AUTOMOTIVE BUILDING A NEW GREEN TRICK

MUCH OF A 1929 AUTOMOTIVE BUILDING WAS REUSED TO SERVE A NEW PURPOSE AS A MEETING PLACE. MERGING THE OLD WITH THE NEW WAS A CHALLENGE TO THE DESIGN TEAM. A NEW LONG-SPAN STEEL ROOF STRUCTURE WAS PART OF THE GREEN SOLUTION LEADING TO LEED SILVER.

Michelle Ponto

Encompassing 160,000 square feet and costing \$46.8 million, the redevelopment of Toronto's Automotive Building at Exhibition Place was no light task. The project involved transforming a space that was originally created to showcase Canada's first auto show in 1929 to a state-of-the-art conference centre. At the same time, the team needed to preserve the Art Deco styling of the building, while meeting LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) requirements.

"Having this building target LEED certification was not an afterthought. It was something that we intended to do," said Laura Purdy, who represents the owners of the centre. "Once the centre is complete, it will be the first conference centre in Canada to attain LEED Silver status."

Exhibition Place spans 192 acres and is owned by the City of Toronto. The site is comprised of a number of historical buildings and is a popular place for conventions, exhibitions, and special events. Exhibition Place already had a strong environmental

standard before the redevelopment of the Allstream Centre. Existing programs range from wind turbines and geothermal heating, to water conservation efforts.

"There is a current trend in the industry to embrace green buildings. The green movement simply reinforced our decision to build to LEED Silver," said Purdy. "From an architectural point of view, we wanted to restore many of the historic features, modernize them and move them forward into the future as a LEED Silver conference centre." The original façade was maintained and restored. Heritage elements, such as the entrance lobbies in the interior space were restored, but one of the new additions was the need for a ballroom on the main floor with pre-function space.

SUPPORTING A COLUMN-FREE BALLROOM

One of the challenges with the building was that the existing structure had a series of columns that ran through the centre and supported the roof. Transforming the main floor space into a ballroom meant developing a solution that would eliminate the

central columns. However, coming up with a column-free solution while trying to reuse the existing structure was not simple. The ballroom was planned to be nearly 44,000 square feet (151 ft x 290 ft), making it the largest ballroom in Toronto. NORR Limited, the project's architectural and engineering firm, considered several alternatives to keep the vintage 1929 roof. The central part of the vintage roof had an area of 180 ft x 330 ft. In the short direction, the typical structural system consists of two pitched trusses each spanning 90 feet: one runs from the perimeter to the centre of the high roof, and the other truss from the centre to the perimeter.

"Basically, each pitched truss generated a bay of 90 ft x 30 ft, for a total of 2 x 11 bays in the long direction. You ended up with 10 columns down the centre of the room," said Anthony Di Stefano, Director of Engineering Services at NORR.

"There was an interior option where we would eliminate eight existing columns and introduce a new column in the centre of the nine bays. But then we would have had to support two 135 foot spans with twin 42 inch deep girders," said Di Stefano. This option not only left a centre column, but it also created a bulkhead that was problematic down the middle of the room as it lowered the ceiling space. It also created a left and a right side to the ballroom space, and caused sightline obstructions.

A second option involved an exterior system by creating a deep truss between the two pitches of the roof. This solution would create a 300 foot long, 25 foot deep truss in the valley of the two pitched roofs. "We would then hang the roof below at the existing column locations via structural steel hangers. By tensioning these hangers we would then transfer the load of the existing roof off of the columns below and into the new truss above. Once unloaded the existing columns below could be removed," said Di Stefano. This solution created a grand open space without the bulkhead in the middle. The main disadvantage was that it introduced a deep exterior truss which was expensive to erect. It was also visually obstructive on top of the roof, which went against the building's historic mandate.

In the end, NORR suggested removing the historic pitched roof region completely. Fortunately, all the steel components were recovered for recycling.



One of the options that was considered to attempt to reuse the existing pitched trusses was to remove the 10 central columns and add a mega-truss on top of the structure. This option was not retained as the mega-truss proved to be too imposing and too difficult to install.



The top image shows the roof before removal. The bottom image is the result after the long-span joists were installed. The depth of the new roof integrates well with the existing structure.

IMPLEMENTING THE RIGHT SOLUTION

In the original building, there were 22 bays of 90 ft x 30 ft. In the option Di Stefano and the team implemented, there would be one bay of 151 ft x 290 ft providing flexibility and prolonging the life of the building.

"We first thought we could replace the present structural system with a traditional joist and girder truss solution. We studied this and discovered that it created a ceiling height that was slightly less than what we wanted," said Di Stefano. "After looking over everything, we decided to use long span steel joists instead." The team put in 11 foot deep trusses, at roof level, along the perimeter of the new ballroom and introduced horizontal cross bracing in selective bays. This resulted in a column-free ballroom. The 151 foot span was infilled with 39 long-span steel joists at approximately 7 feet on centre.

"The owner's team decided that due to the long spans, steel was the only viable structural solution," said president and CEO, Stephen Benson of Benson Steel. Using steel joists was the most feasible option to ensure the project could be completed within budget, time constraints and historical limitations that the team had to work within.

"There were significant loads from partition walls in the middle third of the building. These created a deflection that needed to be monitored during erection to satisfy partition tolerances," said Benson. This was one of the few times long-span joists, that were this long, had been used in this capacity in Canada.



Photo: NORR Limited

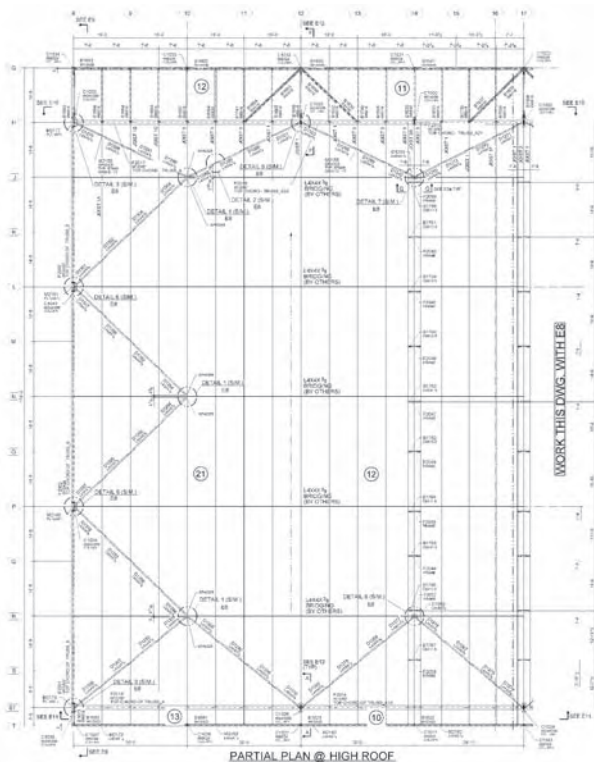
Erection of the trusses on site.

"To erect the long-span joists, additional coordination was needed on site to ensure safety and quality was at its maximum," said Benson. The project involved 490 tons of structural steel, 435 tons of long-span joists assembled with 10,120 bolts (3/4" and 1" A325 TC fasteners).

"This was a challenging job to detail in dealing with the existing structure and the new design" said Benson. The Tekla model developed by Pro Draft allowed an early 3D view of the final structure which assisted the project team in detecting potential conflicts.

GOING LEED GREEN WITH STEEL

LEED operates on a point system. Points are earned for each attribute that the system considers to be environmentally beneficial. The Allstream Centre's target is a LEED Silver certification with 33-38 points. The centre achieved some points for keeping portions of the existing building and revitalizing the structure. The special



Partial plan of the high roof showing the horizontal bracing and the 151 ft long-span joists spaced at approximately 7'4".

steel roof structure also allowed them to get more points towards LEED status. "Wide flange shapes contain about 93% of recycled content which also helps," said Benson.

The redeveloped building incorporated heat recovery on HVAC systems, natural daylight, a cistern for rainwater harvesting, low consumption plumbing fixtures, condensing boilers, active air quality monitoring system, occupancy sensor lighting, as well as energy saving windows.

When possible, "we choose the team based on our LEED goal." NORR, Vanbots Construction and Benson Steel all had previous experience with LEED buildings so they understood the system. "We also used a LEED consultant to ensure all the LEED requirements were met," said Purdy.

Much effort was spent trying to reuse the old vintage roof structure. In the end, providing a column-free space with an efficient and relatively discrete long-span steel structure proved to be the best sustainable fit. In the end, it's all about finding a coherent balance between economical, social and environmental criteria.

PROJECT SUMMARY

- OWNER Direct Energy Centre, Allstream Centre
- ARCHITECT NORR Limited Architects and Engineers
- STRUCTURAL ENGINEER NORR Limited Architects and Engineers
- GENERAL CONTRACTOR Vanbots Construction Corporation
- CISC STEEL FABRICATOR Benson Steel
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RECYCLED CONTENT CALCULATION RECAP

There are basically two processes for making steel. The integrated mill produces steel with the BOF (Basic Oxygen Furnace) while the mini-mill's process is based on the EAF (Electric Arc Furnace). The BOF uses 25% recycled steel (up to 35%) and the EAF is fed 90% recycled steel (up to nearly 100%). Adding the post-consumer and half the pre-consumer recycled contents will generally provide a 15-20% LEED value for a BOF and 75-90% for an EAF. Most North American hot-rolled shapes are produced using the EAF while much of the cold-formed steel comes from coil or plate generally produced via the BOF route. All North American W-shapes, for example, are EAF products. Note that both BOF and EAF processes are needed for a global sustainable environment.

Steel Recycling Institute - There is a specific section addressed to architects and engineers, for dealing with LEED requirements.

> www.recycle-steel.org/leed.html

The fact sheet is of particular interest. It contains typical breakdowns of post-consumer and pre-consumer recycled content of steel as a function of the process (BOF or EAF). Hence, once you have associated the product to the process, you can base your calculations on these global statistics. You can also make your calculations based on letters provided by the mills directly. For more information, visit

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STUDENTS PLAY WITH TENSION: THE 2008/09 SSEF ARCHITECTURAL STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION

Loraine Fowlow, University of Calgary

The eighth annual SSEF Architectural Student Design Competition was launched once again this year, and the Foundation received 66 entries from students studying architecture across Canada. As in the previous seven years, the primary intention of this competition is to provide Canadian architectural students with a unique opportunity to embark on a design process that brings to together concept and reality, through the use of steel structure and detailing.

This year's competition was somewhat different from previous years', however. Instead of asking students to design a particular typology, such as a pedestrian bridge, students were asked instead to explore the potential in steel of a simple physical fact: tension. The competition brief explained:

"Students are invited not only to explore tension as it may be expressed in form, surfaces, members, and connections; they are also invited to engage in the exploration of tension as part of a structural dialogue that may occur between tension and compression as that results in the structural resolution of architectural form. While they may range from utilitarian to exquisite in their execution, all responses must, nonetheless, come to terms with one simple problem: the clear application of tension to achieve a harmonious structural solution."

The winning project was designed by **Matt Schmid** of the University of Waterloo, for his project entitled, "Feather in the Glen", supervised by Professor Philip Beesley. The entry description reads:

"The Feather in the Glen Bird Sanctuary is a large and extremely light structure achieved through a complex interdependence between tension and compression members in its structural system.

Hollow steel sections span large distances made possible by the use of hundreds of tension cables that provide a high degree of lateral stability and stiffness to the sections. The loads acting on the structure are reduced to their essential lines and picked up with a minimal use of the material. The interdependence of such a system consisting of a single material demonstrates the incredible versatility of steel. The steel cables also defy their one-dimensional nature as they integrate structure and form. Their lines are swept through space by close repetition to form complex three dimensional implied surfaces."

Juror Chris Adach commented that, "The project yearns to be composed of steel elements, whereas no other product could solve the design problem as efficiently or as elegantly. The creative use of steel as a building block is clearly demonstrated. While aviaries are not new concepts, the unique position and application of site integrated elements pushes the envelope of function and aesthetics drawing the interest of participants. The form of the structure is appropriate for its intended use and site location chosen. This creates a harmony with the adjacent landscape integrating a transitional flow of open site and enclosure."

An Award of Merit was given to **Jonathan Cummings** from the University of Toronto, for his project entitled, "Counter Balance." Jonathan's Faculty Sponsor was Professor David Bowick.

This year's judging panel consisted of **Chris Adach**, M & G Steel; **Carol Kleinfeldt**, Kleinfeldt Mychajlowycz Architects; **Neb Erakovic**, Halcrow Yolles; and, **Roger Pavan**, Pavan Architects. Many thanks to the jury for their hard work and excellent choices.

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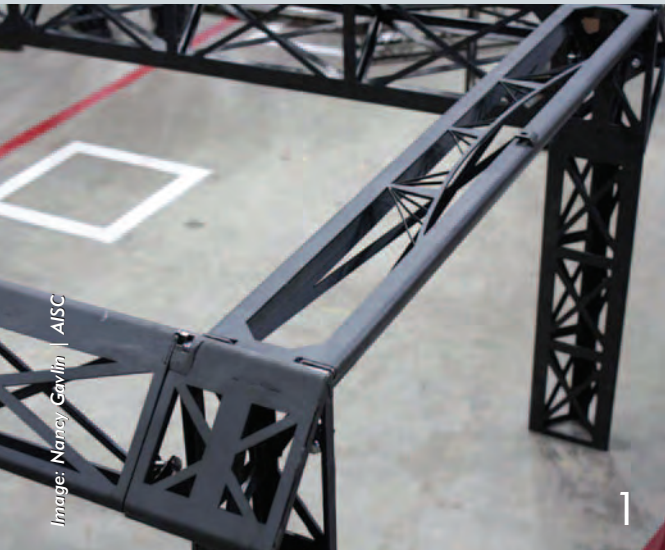


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- 1 - Just their first Nationals, Team Laval earned a 1st in Economy and 2nd in Construction Speed with these unique, folded-plate elements and integrated connections.
- 2 - The elegant design and details that won 1st in Display for Team ÉTS.
- 3 - The seasoned and confident Lakehead Team staged for construction and ultimately a 2nd in Economy, 3rd in Construction Speed and 3rd in Display.

FULL HOUSE

Geoff Weisenberger

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A way from the chaos and revelry of the Strip, a different type of intensity was on display on a recent May weekend in Las Vegas. While everyone else was in town on vacation, college students—around 550 of them—were doing something constructive. More specifically, they were building steel bridges.

The occasion for such prolific, focused activity in such a leisure-oriented locale was the National Student Steel Bridge Competition (NSSBC), which took place at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas' Thomas and Mack Center.

In all, 46 teams of university-level civil engineering students from Canada and the U.S. assembled, displayed, and tested their creations in the annual contest. The teams are narrowed down from nearly 200 teams that participate in 18 regional competitions.

"At this level, they really know what they're doing," said John Parucki, who has been the head judge of the competition for the past 15 years. "We get the cream of the crop every year, and they get to compete against each other. You can't get any more real world than this."

NSSBC started as a regional competition in the American Midwest in the mid-1980s and grew into a national competition by 1992. Three teams at this year's competition built their bridges in under four minutes, and several others weren't too far behind; the majority of the field finished in under 15 minutes.

But construction speed is only one of six categories in which the bridges are judged. Stiffness, lightness, economy, display, and efficiency are also assessed, and the best combined score across all six categories wins. Every year, the design parameters change slightly to meet the Problem Statement, which this year called for teams to create a scale model of an attractive and functional replacement for a century-old highway bridge spanning a scenic river. In past competitions, above-deck steelwork was part of the program, but this year everything had to remain below the deck. Also, this year's bridges were required to be 20 ft long and capable of carrying 2,500 lb.

PREP WORK

Students design and build the bridges themselves and begin the whole process months in advance. The assembly is practiced over and over until it is perfected; in many cases, teams will assemble their bridges more than 100 times.

In some cases, the design changes at the last minute—before the regional competition and sometimes even between the conference and national

competitions. "We actually had our bridge built a month before regionals, then decided to scrap the entire truss and throw it away," noted Eric Gunderson, North Dakota State University's co captain; NDSU has won the competition five times in the last 10 years. "We designed and fabricated a new truss for regionals in less than two weeks. It took us two bridges to get it right, but in the end we got what we wanted."

IT'S ON

The two-day competition began on Friday, which involved the most arbitrary segment, the display judging. The Rules Committee — made up of 10 volunteers from the steel industry and academia — made their rounds and decisions on which entries they found most aesthetically pleasing.

Walking amongst the entries was like walking through a museum of bridge design. The sheer variety of colours, styles, and designs was amazing, especially given the parameters to which the teams must adhere. Bridges were constructed with a variety of framing types, including joists, trusses, box trusses, HSS, or any combination thereof.

FROM MUSEUM TO RACETRACK

While Friday offered an opportunity to look over the bridges at a leisurely pace and observe the students in a somewhat relaxed setting, Saturday was a different story and featured the most exciting part of the competition: the timed construction of the bridges. Students raced back and forth between their material staging areas and the bridges in an effort to beat the clock.

Here's how it works: Teams are compiled of 10-20 members, although only four or five get to build. The judges—there are almost 50, many of them local and all involved in the steel industry in some form or fashion—referee all areas of the competition except for the aesthetics portion.

When the bridge is complete, the clock stops. This year's fastest time was delivered by State University of New York (SUNY) Canton, which came in at just over three minutes. However, in some ways, the clock doesn't stop with the construction portion. Additional time may be added due to penalties given during the load test, much like a hurdler being penalized for knocking down a hurdle even if he crosses the finish line first. Violations include items such as a nut falling off its bolt during transport to the load testing area or a nut not being fully engaged.

SURVEYING STRENGTH

Following the construction portion, teams put their bridge's strength to the test at the load stations, where lateral and vertical load testing is performed. Safety supports are placed below the bridge, should one happen to collapse. For the lateral test, a load of 75

lb is placed on one side of the bridge and a "sway target" is established on the other side, then a 50-lb lateral pull is applied at the sway target and the sway is measured. Sway must not exceed 1 in., or the bridge does not pass the test.

Vertical load testing begins by having the team members place two decking units near opposite ends of the bridge and adding 100 lb to each of them. From here, 1,150 lb is added to one unit. Two targets are established longitudinally at the center of the decking unit, on either side of the bridge. Downward vertical deflection is measured at both targets. Next, 1,150 lb is placed on the other decking unit. There's only one target at this end. (It too is established longitudinally at the center of the decking unit, but only on one side.) The absolute value of vertical deflection at this target that occurs from when the load is added to the first unit to when it is added to this one, is measured.

WEIGHING IN

The last step for the bridge is to undergo a weight test. Simply put, the lightest bridge wins this category. Weight also plays into the final category, structural efficiency; aggregate deflection from the vertical load test also factors into this category.

FINAL RESULTS

In the end, the sum is the whole of its parts. Sacrifices in one area might lead to advantages in others. While timing and cost are important, "Being able to construct the design—that's what's most valuable," said NSSBC judging veteran T. Bartlett Quimby, an associate vice provost at the University of Alaska Anchorage.

SUNY College of Technology at Canton, after placing first in two categories last year, won the overall competition this year. NDSU took second, while Lakehead University came in third. While it's certainly nice to win, the competition is really about preparing future engineers for the real world.

CANADIAN TEAMS

CISC and SSEF became National Sponsors of the ASCE-AISC National Student Bridge Competition in 2008. However, support of Canadian teams dates back to the early 1990's and continues today.

The Canadian Teams final standings in the 2009 ASCE-AISC National Student Bridge Competition.

Overall out of 47 teams:

- Lakehead University – 3rd
- École de Technologie Supérieure – 20th
- Université Laval – 22nd

Congratulations to all!



Coeur Défense atrium, Paris, France
Architect : J.P. Viguier



Florida Exhibit, Festival of Speed 2005, Goodwood, Sussex, England
Architect: Gerry Judah ; Engineer: NRM Bobrowski

ELLIPTICAL HOLLOW SECTIONS THREE-PART SERIES PART ONE: PROPERTIES AND APPLICATIONS

Jeffrey A. Packer

Elliptical Hollow Sections are the newest members of the family of manufactured steel tubes. Being different, these tubes just look modern and they offer additional scope for visual expression.

Elliptical Hollow Sections (EHS) began initially with Circular Hollow Sections (CHS) and then expanded to include Square and Rectangular Hollow Sections (SHS and RHS, respectively). EHS have been produced in Europe since 1994. The use of this product has steadily grown, with architects employing EHS in many structures utilizing Architecturally Exposed Structural Steel (AESS). The principal application of EHS initially was as structural supporting members for glass roofs and glass façades, such as the Coeur Défense atrium. In this building the EHS strong axis for bending is oriented towards the imposed load. If viewed through a glazed wall a minimal member width is then seen.

THE PRODUCT

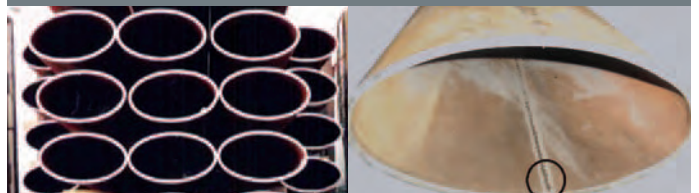
All EHS are produced, with major-to-minor axis dimensions of 2:1, as hot finished hollow structurals. They are produced as continuously welded sections, joined by high frequency induction welding and finished to final shape at extremely high (normalizing) temperatures, with the outside weld bead removed but the inside weld bead typically left in place. Due to the hot finishing process EHS have a fine grain structure, uniform mechanical properties, excellent weldability, negligible residual stress, are suitable for hot-dip galvanizing and are applicable for dynamic loading situations. As a mark of their acceptance into the community of hollow sections, the most recent European production standard for hot finished structural hollow sections includes EHS in the scope.

APPLICATIONS

Architects have found novelty in using EHS for columns in Europe – and also in Canada too. The Legends Centre in Oshawa Ontario, as well as the Electronic Arts stair in Vancouver, have both won CISC Steel Design Awards. Another project specifying EHS at the moment is the CANMET Materials Testing Laboratory at the McMaster Innovation Park in Hamilton, Ontario, designed by Diamond + Schmitt (Architects) and Read Jones Christoffersen

PROPERTIES

EHS are hot finished hollow structural section produced to EN 10210 (CEN 2006a, 2006b). They are available in the grade S355J2H which has a minimum yield strength of 355 MPa up to 16mm wall thickness (the current limit of availability) and a Charpy impact resistance of 27 Joules at -20° C. Being manufactured only by the hot finishing process, EHS thus meet CAN/CSA-G40.20-04/G40.21-04 Grade 350WT Class H Category 2 (CSA 2004) or ASTM A501 Grade B (ASTM 2007) in North America.



Elliptical Hollow Sections are produced with an aspect ration of 1 to 2. The weld bead is present on the inside only.

(Structural Engineers). These members will be exposed, skewed columns in the central atrium, with an elliptical-shaped steel stair wrapping around them. EHS have also been used in bridges such as the Society Bridge in Scotland, as an alternative section for enhancing the visual appeal. EHS also appear in novel steel "sculptures" or works-of-art such as the Honda Exhibit at the "Festival of Speed" in England. It is possible to fill EHS with concrete and to even obtain stainless steel oval sections. Concrete-filling results in greater axial load capacity, and greater ductility, compared to empty EHS; a feature that can be employed with EHS columns perhaps, if the upper size range proves insufficient in compression.



Society Bridge, Braemar, Scotland

Their use is new but the novelty is unlikely to wear off as more architects start to specify EHS in Architecturally Exposed Structural Steel applications. This first article is an introduction to the product. The next two articles will deal with Member Design and Connection Design. Stay tuned!

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PRODUCERS

EHS are produced by Tubeurop in France (which became a part of Arcelor Tubes, which in turn became a part of Grupo Condesa, headquartered in Spain). Their product sizes range from 120 x 60 x 3.2 up to 480 x 240 x 14.2 (www.condesa.com). Other producers in Europe now include Corus Tubes in the U.K. where the product range, marketed as Celsius® 355 Ovals (OHS), is standardized on six tube sizes ranging from 150 x 75 x 4.0 to 500 x 250 x 16 (www.corusconstruction.com). This supplier even has a North American agent (Brad Fletcher: brad.fletcher@corusgroup.com; Tel: 847-592-3712) to handle imports. Another manufacturer in Europe is Ancofer Stahlhandel GmbH (www.ancofer.de) in Germany, with the same product range as Condesa.

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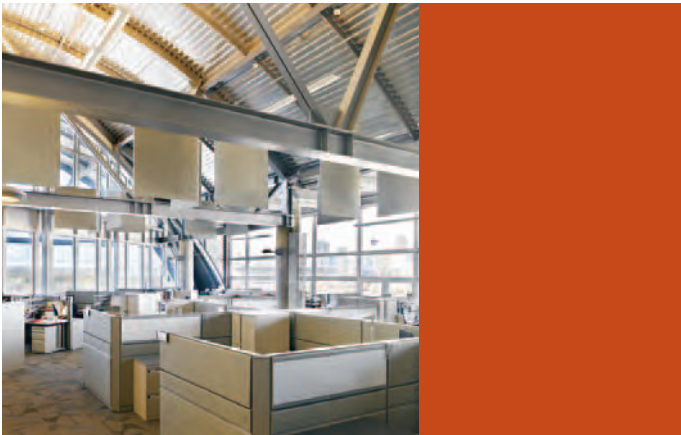
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ALBERTA AND ONTARIO 2009 STEEL DESIGN AWARDS



ALBERTA REGION DESIGN AWARDS

ARCHITECTURAL AWARD

Winner

The Water Centre

OWNER: City of Calgary

ARCHITECT: Sturgess Architecture / Manasc Isaac Architects

STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: Read Jones Christoffersen Ltd.

GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Dominion Construction

While the design of the building makes a dramatic architectural statement in steel, that's only half the story. The Water Centre is also the first and largest civic office building to exceed Calgary's minimum LEED Silver standard. The building provides the City's Water Resources and Water Services division's approximately 775 professional staff and field personnel with open office stations, meeting and quiet rooms, conference facilities and crew changing areas.



ENGINEERING AWARD

Winner

Calgary Courts Centre

OWNER: Government of Alberta

ARCHITECT: Kasian Architects


STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: Stantec Consulting Ltd.

GENERAL CONTRACTOR: CANA Management Ltd.

CISC STEEL FABRICATORS: Triangle Steel Ltd.

The 27-storey glass and steel atrium connects two concrete towers – 21 stories tall and 25 stories tall. "The height of the atrium was a big challenge," says engineer Pang Ng, of Stantec. "It was the first complex of its kind of this size in Western Canada, if not in North America." The central glass atrium is an architectural metaphor for the concept that justice must be transparent to all.

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INDUSTRIAL AWARD

Winner

ASU Cold Box – OPTI Canada

OWNER: Air Liquide Process & Construction

STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS: SDK et associés

CISC STEEL FABRICATORS: WF Welding & Overhead Cranes Ltd.

The completed ASU cold box is an air-tight structural steel rectangular box measuring 8.5 metres by 10 metres by 64 metres high. It is made up of approximately 12,700 pieces (excluding bolts), is fully clad with flat steel plates, and weighs about 333 tonnes.



STEEL EDGE AWARD

Winner

Capital Health Centre

OWNER: Alberta Health Services

ARCHITECT: Dub Architects

STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS: Protostatix Engineering Consultants Inc.

GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Aman Building Corporation

CISC STEEL FABRICATORS: Collins Industries Ltd.

The new entry to the building features a dramatic cantilevered steel and glass canopy that gives the impression of an open raft floating above the interior and exterior spaces. The design maintains the same footprint as the original structure but uses a single span, allowing for a vast column-free space. The steel frame also allows generous natural light to penetrate the atrium between the towers.



SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

Winner

University of Alberta – Triffo Hall

OWNER: University of Alberta

ARCHITECT: Johns Group2 Architecture Engineering Ltd.

STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS: Read Jones Christoffersen Ltd.

GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Binder Construction Limited

The renovation of Triffo Hall on the University of Alberta campus is an example of the adage that what was old is new again. Built primarily of steel in 1915, it is the first project at the University to be registered with LEED. The new design features a two-storey interior "street" that runs the length of the building along the brick wall. Punctures through the second floor allow this "street" to be flooded with natural light.



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ONTARIO REGION DESIGN AWARDS

ARCHITECTURAL AWARD

Award of Excellence

Camilla and Peter Dalglish Atrium, Royal Botanical Gardens

OWNER: Royal Botanical Gardens

ARCHITECT: Diamond + Schmitt Architects

STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS: Halcrow Yolles

GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Ira McDonald Construction

CISC STEEL FABRICATORS: Central Steel Fabricators Ltd.

PROJECT MANAGER: MHPM Project Managers Inc.

This delicate new facility serves as both the literal and conceptual gateway to the botanical garden of the 21st century. Structural steel framing allows the structure to achieve long spans utilizing slender members resulting in a glass enclosed building that visually recalls a greenhouse and permits an abundance of natural light to filter through the sky light.



ENGINEERING AWARD

Award of Excellence

Clyde Avenue Bridge Rapid Replacement

OWNER: Ministry of Transportation Ontario

STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS: McCormick Rankin Corporation

GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Dufferin Construction Company

CISC STEEL FABRICATORS: Central Welding and Iron Works Group

ENGINEERED HEAVY LIFTS: Mammoet Canada Eastern Ltd.

Conventional replacement of bridges has a tremendous impact on the travelling public with lane closures. Accordingly, it was decided that five twin-underpass bridges must be replaced overnight with all lanes on Highway 417 opened by noon the following day. This was the first application of bridge replacement / widening involving rapid replacement technology for a major freeway bridge in Canada.



Award of Merit

Art Gallery of Ontario, Transformation

OWNER: Gallery of Ontario

ARCHITECT: Gehry International

STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS: Halcrow Yolles

GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Ellis Don

CISC STEEL DETAILER: Benson Steel Ltd.

CISC STEEL ERECTOR: Benson Steel Ltd.

CISC STEEL FABRICATORS OF MAIN STRUCTURE: Benson Steel Ltd.

CISC STEEL FABRICATORS OF STAIR STRUCTURE: Mariani Metal Fabricators Ltd



Award of Merit

Lakefield College School Hadden Hall

OWNER: Lakefield College School

ARCHITECT: Diamond and Schmitt Architects Inc.

STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS: Blackwell Bowick Partnership Ltd.

GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Percon Construction

CISC STEEL FABRICATORS: Mirage Steel Limited



GREEN BUILDINGS AWARD
Award of Merit
GO Transit Streetsville Bus Facility

OWNER: GO Transit
 ARCHITECT: Strasman Architects Inc.
 STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS: Read Jones Christoffersen Ltd.
 GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Buttcon Limited
 CISC STEEL FABRICATORS: Skyhawk Steel Construction Ltd.



PROJECTS CONVERTED TO STEEL AWARD
Award of Merit
Replacement of Sioux Narrows Bridge

OWNER: Ontario Ministry of Transportation
 STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS: McCormick Rankin Corporation (MRC)
 GENERAL CONTRACTOR: MLA Northern Contracting Ltd.
 CISC STEEL DETAILER: KGS Group – Steel Detailing Division
 CISC STEEL FABRICATORS: Capitol Welding Ltd.



Award of Merit
Orlando Speculative Industrial Warehouse

OWNER: Orlando Corporation
 ARCHITECT: Orlando Corporation
 STRUCTURAL ENGINEER: William Leung & Associates Ltd.
 LEED AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY CONSULTANTS: Enermodal Engineering
 GENERAL CONTRACTOR: Orlando Corporation
 CISC STEEL DETAILER: Telco Steel Works
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FOR GREEN'S SAKE

The steel construction industry has implemented several initiatives to reduce its environmental footprint. In this space, we will provide brief overviews of the many ways in which the steel construction industry is going green. Your questions can be sent to Sylvie Boulanger, Director, Sustainable Development, Canadian Steel Construction Council at sboulanger@cisc-icca.ca.

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Steelmaking

A BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE

Will Koroluk

When thinking about sustainability in construction, it's often necessary to step right outside the project so you can see things not visible from the inside—the non-construction aspects that often contribute an important part of this thing we call sustainability.

We're learning to consider such elements as the environmental cost of mining, manufacture and transportation of materials used on a construction job. Thanks to life-cycle costing, we're learning to consider the future economic and environmental costs of building operations, maintenance and repair. We've learned to consider the costs and benefits from dismantling a building, and take this aspect of a project into account early.

Indeed, "designing for deconstruction" is an important part of some projects. But there are other costs as well, costs we hear little about. If a completed project is likely to generate a lot of traffic, there is a cost involved there, as well—perhaps in the form of interchange or intersection alterations, maybe widening an arterial road or upgrading paving on some surrounding streets. Additional pressure on storm and sanitary sewers must be factored in, and added to the total cost if necessary. If a project means more automobile or truck use, we have to consider more than traffic patterns; we must consider additional exhaust emissions and their deleterious effect on the environment.

Taking all of these things into consideration means that the real total cost of a \$50 million office building is a great deal more than \$50 million. And understanding and allowing for those additional costs must be a part of any project that is billed as "sustainable."

One of the first places to start is the structure itself—a building, a road, a bridge. New designs and materials are an important part. Consider bridges; the modern cable-stayed bridges that are slowly becoming more common for longer spans, are by their nature, steel-intensive.

The longest such bridge in North America is the Cooper River Bridge connecting Charleston and Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. The figures for it are impressive. It is 471 metres long. Each of its two diamond towers stands 175 metres tall. Adding the steel girders, the steel boxes anchoring the towers, the steel deck pans, and reinforcing steel a total of 45,000 tonnes of steel were used.

The bridge replaces two obsolete structures, and shortens both travel times and distances. Driving from Mt. Pleasant to Charleston used to take 30 minutes to travel 39 kilometres. Using the new bridge has reduced travel to just 14 minutes to cover 11.6 kilometres. That, of course, lightens the environmental load of all those commutes, and the World Steel Association wanted to know by how much. So it undertook a case study of the bridge to measure the

greenhouse gas impacts, from manufacture of the steel right through to the projected end of the bridge's life, 100 years in the future.

The study found that 69,200 vehicles use the bridge on an average day. So if the average vehicle meets U.S. standard of 11.7 km/l, the average fuel savings are slightly in excess of 59 million litres per year. Implicit in that is a saving during the bridge's lifetime of 16.7 million tonnes of carbon dioxide and equivalents (CO_{2eq}). That assumes both average fuel consumption and continuation of automotive design as it presently stands. That's 167,000 tonnes a year saved in tailpipe emissions.

But there were already environmental savings, even before the bridge opened. The construction industry is the biggest single consumer of steel today—about half of all world production, and a lot of it is placed in bridges, where for more than 150 years, steel has been the most important element.

New bridge designs have evolved, as have new construction technologies and new, high-performance steels. There wasn't much difference in the amounts of steel used in the old and new bridges. The old structures used 41,000 tonnes, only about 4,000 tonnes less than the new bridge built 76 years later. The real difference, though, was in energy used and greenhouse gases emitted.

Looking back just 25 years, the process of making steel in the United States consumed 37.8 gigajoules of energy per tonne. By 2005, more advanced technology and increased use of scrap caused that figure to shrink to just 11.5 gigajoules per tonne. That's a pretty dramatic improvement in energy efficiency, and it meant, for the steel in the new bridge, a payoff of 230,000 tonnes of CO_{2eq} saved. The payoffs continued. The 18,970 tonnes of steel contained in the old main span was cut from the cantilever sections, shipped to a steel mill and recycled. Thereby saving 33,460 tonnes of CO₂, when compared with producing new steel from iron ore.

And what became of roughly 20,000 tonnes of old steel that was still left? It was taken a short distance out into the sea and sunk, to form an artificial reef to encourage the growth of marine life, and protect part of the shoreline at the mouth of the Cooper River.

The strength and durability of steel meant that the old bridges, designed to last for 50 years, actually lasted 76 years before replacement was necessary. Because of new steels and new designs, the new bridge has an expected life of 100 years. That's an improvement of 33 per cent over the bridges it replaced. Over that time, it is expected to keep 17 million tonnes of CO_{2eq} from being released into the atmosphere, demonstrating how, step by step, the steel industry is working to achieve ever-greater levels of sustainability.

We need it—for green's sake.

NEWS AND EVENTS



CISC AT THE 2009 MANITOBA CONSTRUCTION CAREER EXPO

The Central Region participated with our Sustainability booth. The display gave students the opportunity to put together a small structural steel structure. It was a resounding success with many high school students participating. The

event was held at Winnipeg's Red River Exhibition Park on May 12, 2009. This was the first-ever Manitoba Construction Career expo and was designed to encourage high school students to learn more about the unlimited career opportunities in the construction industry.

SAB CANADIAN GREEN BUILDING AWARDS INCLUDES CISC DESIGN AWARD RECIPIENTS

Of the six 2009 SAB (Sustainable Architecture & Building) awards, two are previous recipients of CISC Steel Design Awards.

Community Centre Pointe-Valaine in Otterburn Park, Quebec was a 2008 Green Buildings Winner in Quebec (*Advantage Steel* #34).

Triffo Hall, University of Alberta, won the 2009 Sustainability Award in Alberta (*Advantage Steel*, *this issue*).

Congratulations to all involved!

CONGRATULATIONS TO GLOTMAN SIMPSON

The Institution of Structural Engineers has announced the shortlist for the 2009 Structural Awards, the international industry's most prestigious awards. The awards recognise excellence in structural engineering globally. Glotman Simpson is on the shortlist in the "Award for Arts or Entertainment Structures" for their work on the Vancouver Convention Centre Expansion (see *Advantage Steel*, Summer 2009). This is a well-deserved recognition!

COURSES

Industrial Building Design

The course illustrates the limit states design of a single-storey industrial building. It refers extensively to the National Building Code of Canada 2005 (NBC 2005) and to CAN/CSAS16.1-05 "Limit States Design of Steel Structures" including the S16.1-05 Supplement, with emphasis on the applicability to typical Industrial buildings. In addition, there are references to the CISC Crane-Supporting Steel Structures: Design Guide, 2nd Edition and various AISC publications.

The example industrial building comprises common structural steel components used in roof and wall framing, such as roof trusses, crane runway beams, segmented columns, wall systems and standing seam roof systems. The building also serves to illustrate the design of a steel braced frame to resist wind and seismic loads, in accordance with NBC 2005 and S16-01. The course

examines various design and construction topics, including; loads and load combinations, companion action approach, notional loads, vibration and fatigue, diaphragms, connections, foundations, coatings and corrosion considerations, low temperature toughness, rehabilitation, fire considerations and construction issues.

Halifax, NS	September 22, 2009
Toronto, ON	September 23, 2009
Winnipeg, ON	September 29, 2009
Edmonton, ON	September 30, 2009
Vancouver, ON	October 1, 2009

The 2005 National Building Code of Canada introduces very substantial technical changes, and to reconcile the new NBCC requirements, CSA issued S16S1-05, Supplement #1 to CAN/CSA-S16-01 (CSA S16). All of these changes necessitate a fresh look at the underlying framing decisions to be made by designers. In response, CISC is offering two one-day courses intended to provide an understanding of the design theory and the rationale behind code provisions as well as the application of specific Code formulae and requirements.

Steel-Framed Commercial Building Design

This course will be offered once again in major centres across Canada and will focus on practical and economical solutions for framing a six-storey building. Practical steel framing concepts and integration with architectural and mechanical features will be discussed. The course notes will include design solutions for the wind-resisting system as well as typical members and components of the gravity frame.

Toronto, ON	October 14, 2009
Vancouver, ON	November 26, 2009
Saskatoon, SK*	November 25, 2009 *with seismic

Seismic Design of Steel-Framed Buildings

This high-demand course will be offered in seismically active centres in Canada again and will cover the design of various categories of braced frames and moment frames to the requirements of NBCC 2005 and CSA S16-01 (S16S1-05) incorporating design examples for buildings ranging from one to ten storeys in height.

Toronto, ON	October 15, 2009
Vancouver, ON	November 27, 2009

Steel Bridge Design, Fabrication and Construction

This course covers the design, fabrication and construction of steel bridges based on the Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code, CAN/CAS-S6-2000. The course is intended to provide understanding on design theory and the rationale behind Code provisions as well as the application of specific Code formulae and requirements. The practical and economical aspects of fabrication, erection, choice of material and their impact on design will also be emphasized.

Changes and new provisions introduced in S6-2000, pertaining to load applications, analysis, design, fabrication and construction of steel bridges will be highlighted. The presentation and the Course Notes include four design examples illustrating extensive design calculations for I-girders and box girders of straight and curved configurations. The course material and discussions will reflect code provisions, including Design of Horizontally Curved Girders, Construction Requirements for Structural Steel, Durability Requirements, Simplified Live Load Analysis, Fatigue Considerations, etc

Calgary, AB October 26 & 27, 2009
Vancouver, BC October 28 & 29, 2009
Halifax, NS November 2 & 3, 2009
Toronto, ON November 4 & 5, 2009

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EVENTS

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September 9 – 11, 2009 Bangkok, Thailand
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IABSE Symposium Creating and Renewing Urban Structures
September 14 – 19, 2008 Chicago, U.S.A
www.iabse.org/conferences

Green Building Festival / IIDEX / NeoCon Canada
September 24 – 25, 2009 Toronto, ON
www.iidexneocon.com

AISC Annual Meeting
September 24, 2009 Braselton, Georgia, U.S.A
www.aisc.org/event

**SMMH 2009
(Structures for Mining and related Materials Handling)**
November 9 – 12, 2009 Sun City, South Africa
www.smmh-conference.co.za

FABTECH International & AWS Welding Show
November 15 - 18, 2009 Chicago, U.S.A
www.aws.org/show

Contech
November 25, 2009 Montreal, QC
www.contech.qc.ca

Construct Canada
December 2 – 4, 2009 Toronto, ON
www.constructcanada.com

**NASCC
The Steel Conference**
May 12 – 15, 2010 Orlando, U.S.A.
www.aisc.org

8th International Conference on Short & Medium Span Bridges
August 3 – 6, 2010 Niagara Falls, ON
www.bridgeconference2010.com

4th International Conference on Steel and Composite Structures
July 21 – 23, 2010 Sydney, Australia
www.iceaustralia.com

The Pacific Structural Steel Conference 2010
October 19 – 22, 2010 Beijing, China
www.pssc2010.com

International Symposium on Tubular Structures
December 15 – 17, 2010 Hong Kong, China
www.hku.hk/civil/ISTS13

REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

Quebec Region Design Awards and Symposium
November 18, 2009, Montreal

BC Region Steel Design Awards
November 19, 2009, Vancouver

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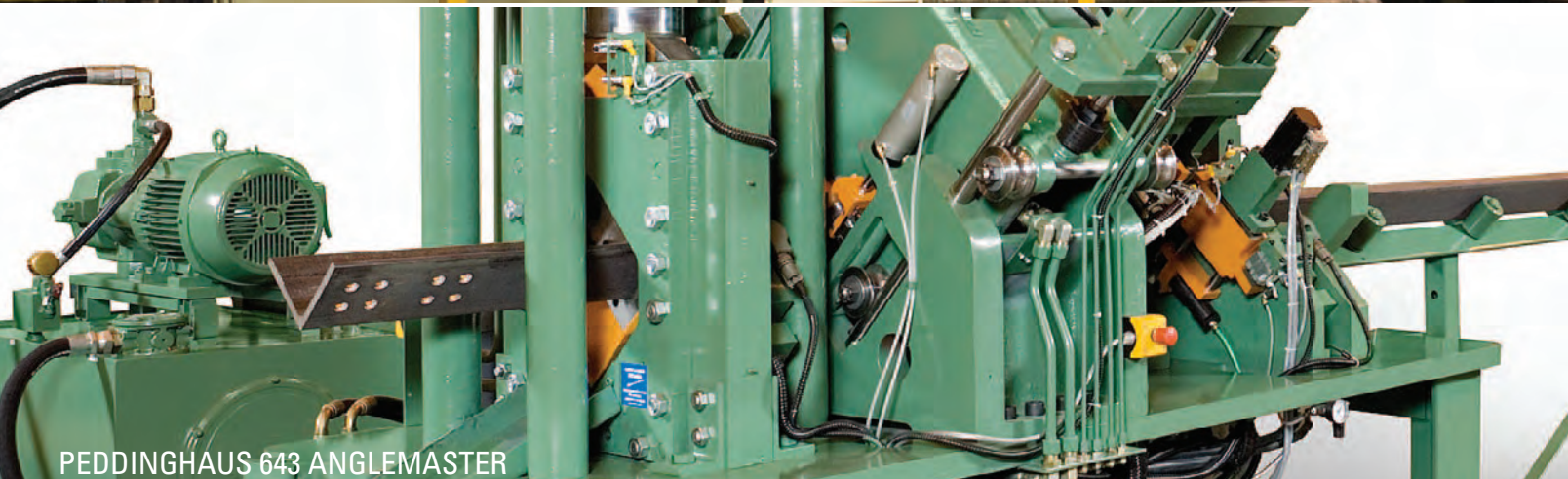
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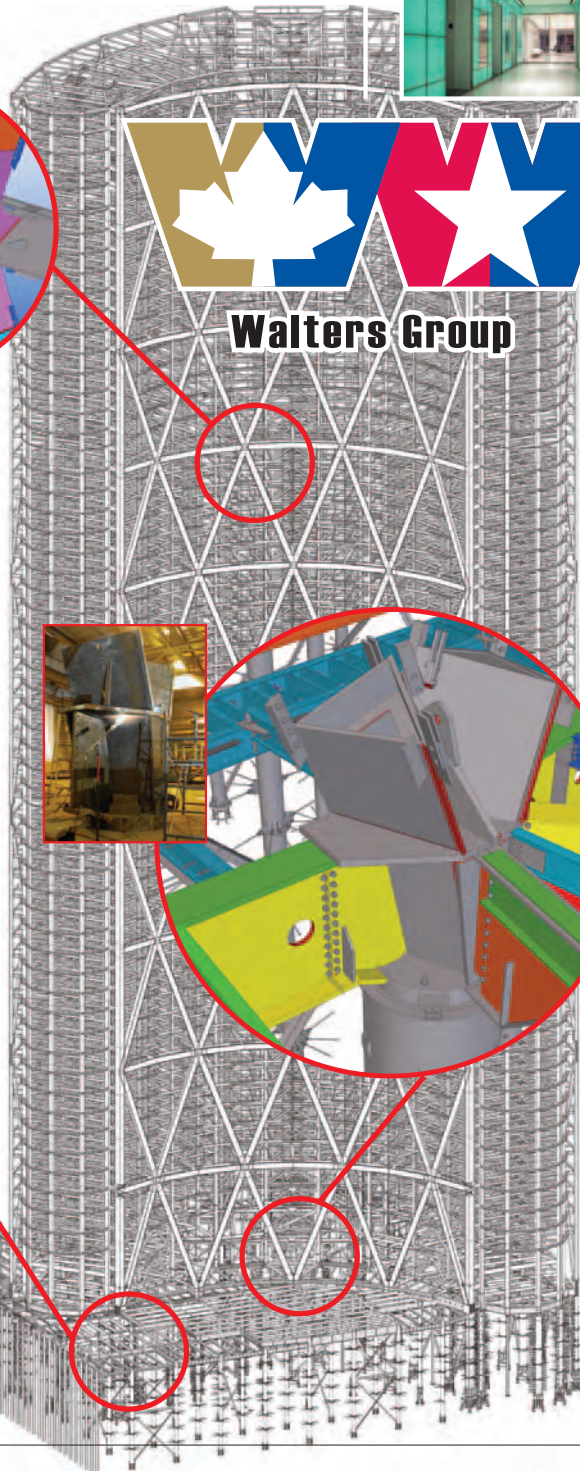
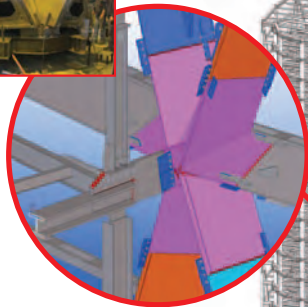
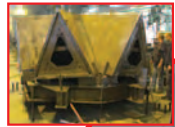
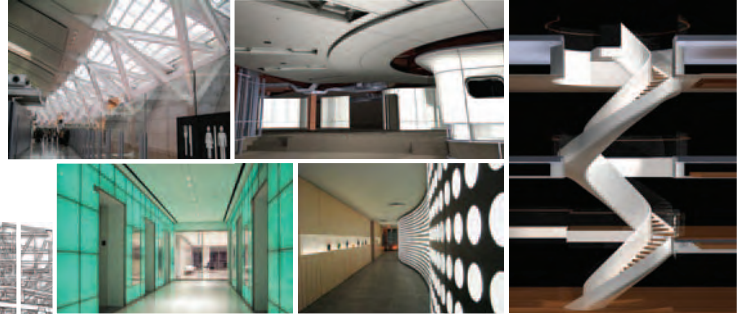
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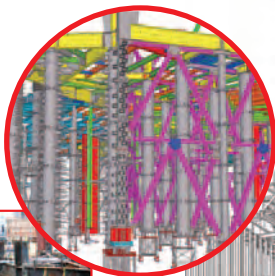
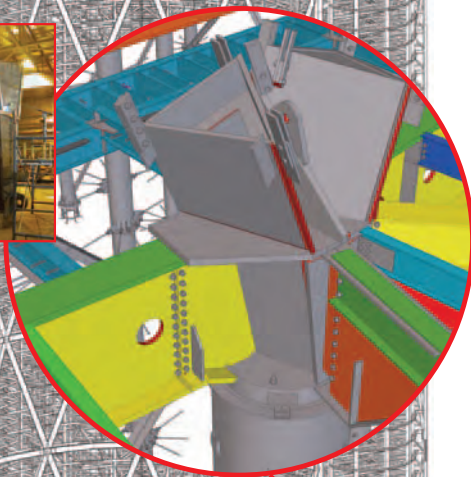
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