



April 2025

# Newsletter

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## President's Message

By Tyler Gamble

Spring has sprung! Or at least it's trying to. Hopefully we're not in for an April Fool's start to Spring!

Our meeting schedule is a little different this month with our annual student night happening earlier in the month than normal, keep an eye out for those details.

Last chapter meeting, there was much discussion surrounding Saskatchewan moving from Tier 2 back to Tier 1 energy standards, effective February 19th, 2025. Based on available articles and press releases, the move was intended to remove barriers on affordable housing projects. While this move may be seen as a regression in some areas of measure, this move does not prevent anyone from striving to higher tiers of energy efficiency.



### **Chapter Meeting**

**Monday April 7, 2025**

**Topic:** Student Night

**Where:** Lazy Owl  
3737 Wascana Parkway, Riddell  
Centre, Regina

5:00 – 5:30 Cocktails  
5:30 – 6:15 Presentations  
6:15 – 7:00 Dinner  
7:00 – 7:30 Chapter Meeting

**Presenter:** Students

### **Upcoming Chapter Events**

**May 14** – TBD

**June 12** – Annual Golf  
Tournament

Flowing Springs Golf Greens  
10 am Registration  
12 pm Shotgun Start  
Dinner to Follow



## ASHRAE HVAC DESIGN TRAINING Coming to SEATTLE

▶▶▶ April 7-11, 2025



You can read more on the subject here:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2025/february/19/supporting-building-in-saskatchewan-through-harmonization-affordability>

We hope to have further discussion on this topic in upcoming meetings!

GreenBuild Saskatchewan planning is in full swing! And we have an important question to ask the members. GreenBuild Saskatchewan needs funding help from the chapter and is asking for a \$15,000.00 loan to be able to pay out some of their vendors, prior to having registrations start coming in. While the chapter can handle this kind of expense, we realize this sum of money is an extraordinary amount compared to our normal spending, and considering the chapter leadership has been appointed by acclamation, the board's position is that we should ask the membership for their opinion.

GreenBuild Saskatchewan is an exciting opportunity, not only for the GreenBuild community, but also for the ASHRAE Chapters involved in the planning of the conference, Saskatoon and Regina. When done correctly, the chapters involved in the planning and funding of the conference stand to gain a large sum of money, for donating to ASHRAE Research Promotion. For our chapter, that includes further funding two scholarships, the Don Bell Scholarship and the Grant Dawson Scholarship. This funding could also go to funding opportunities for members as well.

It should be noted that the chapter is in a good financial position and can absorb this loan. In a worse case scenario, the chapter is also in a position where it could absorb losing some of this money, should the conference not make all of its proposed returns.

Part of the April Chapter meeting will be dedicated to a question-and-answer period surrounding this request for funding. We will also hold a vote, through an online platform, to decide the outcome of the funding request.



We hope to see you all at our next meeting!



## Research Promotion

By Chris Klatt

**April Chapter Meeting:** we will be competing and raising money with a 🍺 **Beer Survivor** 🍺. What student doesn't need a fresh supply of beer! Competing members will need to bring either a 6-pack of regular sized cans or a 4-pack of tall cans of their favourite beer or cider (\$20 value), along with a \$20 donation to compete. Players will be randomly eliminated throughout the meeting, with the last person standing wining all the beer. This should make for one interesting evening!



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Each individual entrant will pay a fee of \$20.00 cash plus contribute a 6-pack regular sized cans, or a 4-pack of tall cans of beer/cider.

The beer must be bottled and sealed commercially (not homemade).

Participants are expelled one at a time until only the winner remains!

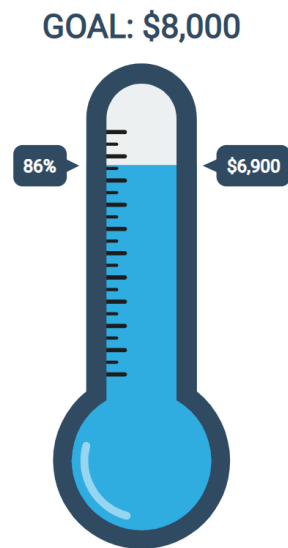
**ASHRAE** Regina Chapter



This will be the last meeting for members to buy tickets for the ASHRAE Regina Chapter Super 50/50. Tickets will be available all year long with the draw being held at the May Chapter Meeting. Each ticket is \$20, and the winner will take home half of the jackpot!



Lastly, our RP Campaign is currently sitting at: \$6,900.42 (86.3%)!



## Special Events

By Taylor Brezinsky

Hello Members!

This year's golf tournament is scheduled for Thursday, June 12 at Flowing Springs Golf Greens. This year's registration will be completed using a Google Form, so keep an eye out for that and register fast as we're hoping for a bigger turnout than last year! Also, as always, we are looking for prizes and



sponsorships for the tournament. If you or your company would be interested in prize donation please reach out to Taylor Brezinsky ([t.brezinsky@mac-eng.ca](mailto:t.brezinsky@mac-eng.ca)), sponsorship can be included when registering. Looking forward to the day!

## **Government Affairs**

By Pierre-Andre Ranger

While ASHRAE Society president Dennis Knight was in town for his presidential tour in February, he went with ASHRAE Region XI Director and Regional Chair (and Regina chapter member), Rob Craddock to meet with Bill Hawkins, the Executive Director of the Building and Technical Standards branch, and Peter Wotherspoon, the chief Administrator for the Province of Saskatchewan. Their conversations were focused on the lack of enforceable residential refrigeration code in Saskatchewan. The society president and DRC gave the government officials a copy of ASHRAE Standard 15 and 15.2 as an option. There was also mention of the lack of a Residential Ventilation code that applies to non-new construction. Further discussions were had about a range of topics such as commissioning, air source heat pump issues in cold climates, work force development and the need for further training and licensing avenues for Gas and Electrical. The upcoming meeting topic of the reduction in the residential Tiers was mentioned but was not elaborated upon as the other residential code issues and the Presidential theme of building up our industry were the pre-agreed upon focus of the meeting. Our DRC, Rob Craddock, continues to push forward with the issue of lack of enforceable codes in the residential sector and hopes to see progress on this front soon. The recent meetings were the latest in a series of discussions on these issues.

## **Social Media / Webmaster Chair**

By Carla Drager

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### **Working together to address Saskatchewan's Building Decarbonizing Challenge.**

Step One - Launching the website for the 2025 BuildGreen Saskatchewan Conference in Regina.

**The Regina and Saskatoon ASHRAE chapters** are collaborating to host a building decarbonization conference in Regina, Saskatchewan for October 2025. This conference will be called '**BuildGreen Saskatchewan**'. We are proud to share the information about this conference with the newly minted website at [www.buildgreenprairie.com](http://www.buildgreenprairie.com).

The goal of this conference is to bring all stakeholders, including government agencies and regulators, utility providers, members of the design & construction teams, first nations communities, building owners and operators and maintenance personnel together to address how we decarbonize our building sector in Saskatchewan. The closer we get to the energy sharing of natural ecosystems the less energy waste there will be in the systems we build.

**Saskatchewan** has a particular challenge, with an energy emission factor of 660 grams CO<sub>2</sub>e/KWH compared to the national average of 100 g/kWh. Our approach will be different from that of other provinces.

Our built environment—the very infrastructures we depend on—faces mounting pressure from increasing heat domes, flooding and drought conditions. It's now crucial to champion sustainable buildings and infrastructure that can not only withstand but thrive within our unique Saskatchewan environment.

We need to cooperate to close the opportunity gaps that hinder practical solutions to Saskatchewan's distinct needs.

### **Development of the BuildGreen Saskatchewan conference website is the first step to fostering a collaborative approach to address building decarbonization.**

Our diverse array of stakeholders will together forge a path toward creating sustainable and resilient building infrastructure tailored for Saskatchewan. This is more than a conference. It is a call to action that will redefine a collaborative approach to sustainability in the face of a changing climate.

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## Events Around Town

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### **BOMA Saskatchewan**

#### **BOMA Education Day & Tradeshow**

May 8, 2025

Atlas Hotel (4177 Albert Street) Regina, SK

Free for BOMA members and \$40 for non-members

### **Regina Construction Association**

#### **SKCA Summer Meeting**

June 10, 2025

Elk Ridge, SK

<https://constructionsask.ca>

### **Mechanical Construction Association of Saskatchewan**

#### **52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bonspiel**

March 20-22, 2025

<https://www.mca-sask.com>

### **Government of Saskatchewan**

#### **In-Person Workshop on Energy Efficiency**

May 2, 2025

Royal Hotel Regina

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/business/housing-development-construction-and-property-management/building-and-technical-standards/sign-up-for-a-building-standards-and-licensing-course>



# ASHRAE Society Events

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## **Third International Conference on Energy and Indoor Environment for Hot Climates**

April 23-24, 2025

Doha, Qatar

<https://www.ashrae.org/conferences/topical-conferences/third-international-conference-on-energy-and-indoor-environment-for-hot-climates>

## **ASHRAE Annual Conference**

June 21-25, 2025

Phoenix, AZ

<https://www.ashrae.org/conferences/2025-annual-conference-phoenix>

## **2025 ASHRAE Conference for Integrated Design, Construction & Operations**

August 13-15, 2025

Denver, CO

<https://www.ashrae.org/conferences/topical-conferences/2025-ashrae-conference-for-integrated-design-construction-operations>

## **IEQ 2025 Conference**

September 24-26, 2025

Montreal QC

<https://www.ashrae.org/conferences/topical-conferences/ieq-2025-conference>

## **2025 ASHRAE Building Decarbonization Conference**

October 22-24, 2025

Chicago, IL

<https://www.ashrae.org/conferences/topical-conferences/2025-ashrae-building-decarbonization-conference>

## **Buildings XVI Conference**

December 8-11, 2025

Clear Water Beach, FL

<https://www.ashrae.org/conferences/topical-conferences/2025-building-xvi-conference>



# 2024 - 2025 ASHRAE Regina Chapter Board of Governors

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