

9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

## What Makes a Successful Design-Assist Project

Join Chris Ott and Scott Hammond as they provide a unique perspective on the roles of trade contractors, construction managers, and engineering consultants in Design-Assist projects. Drawing from real-world experiences and case studies, both successful and challenging, they will share key lessons learned and best practices. This session aims to provide trade contractors with valuable insights and practical strategies to strengthen proposals and offer meaningful input during pre-construction, ultimately driving project success for all stakeholders.



### Scott Hammond - SMS Engineering

A Partner and Senior Mechanical Engineer at SMS Engineering, Scott Hammond brings over 15 years of experience in multi-disciplinary planning, design and construction. Specializing in high-performance buildings, he focuses on innovative, cost-effective solutions that transform the built environment. Some of his favourite projects include the Winnipeg Richardson Airport Terminal Building, Canada Life's Winnipeg Campus Redevelopment, Investors Group Field, and the new Portage District Hospital.



### Chris Ott - SMS Engineering

With over 20 years of experience, Chris Ott, Principal and Senior Mechanical Engineer at SMS Engineering leads mechanical design teams on complex healthcare, commercial, and northern projects, including the Gods Lake Nursing Station, Pikangikum School, and the new Portage District Hospital. Known for his practical approach and problem-solving skills, he delivers efficient, reliable, and maintainable designs, even in the most challenging environments.

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## Evolving Project Delivery

Traditional project delivery methods face increasing challenges post-COVID, with supply chain disruptions, labor shortages, and growing demands for speed, quality, and cost efficiency. Collaborative models like Integrated Project Delivery (IPD), Alliancing, and Progressive Design-Build (PDB) offer a solution by fostering early contractor involvement, breaking down silos, and improving risk management. This session will explore these emerging methods, their benefits, and how to successfully implement them for greater efficiency, innovation, and project success.

### Curtis Krul - Colliers Project Leaders

Curtis has over fifteen years in the construction industry, with ten years as a professional Project Manager, and two years leveraging that experience sharing his expertise in Lean Construction and alternative, collaborative delivery. Curtis focuses his passion for construction into coaching project teams towards achieving project success by leveraging lean practices while educating and guiding construction industry experts on how to successfully contribute to collaborative delivery.



1:45 PM - 2:45 PM

## Unlock the Secrets of CCA-1 Stipulated Price Subcontracts



Join industry expert Mr. Geza Banfai for an exclusive walkthrough of the NTCC Guide to CCA-1 Stipulated Price Subcontracts (The Guide)—your essential resource for navigating subcontract agreements with confidence. Commissioned by the National Trade Contractors Coalition of Canada (NTCCC), The Guide is designed to help trade contractors effectively use the CCA 1-2021 Stipulated Price Subcontract. It not only reproduces the key terms and conditions of this widely adopted contract form but also provides expert commentary, practical insights, and cautionary notes to help you avoid pitfalls and maximize success. Whether you're new to CCA-1 or looking to deepen your understanding, this session offers invaluable guidance straight from the author himself. Don't miss this chance to enhance your contracting expertise!

### Geza Banfai - McMillan LLP

Geza Banfai is a widely respected lawyer by the legal community and across the construction and infrastructure sector. Geza represents stakeholders at every level of the construction pyramid, including lenders and owners (public and private), general contractors, subcontractors, material suppliers and workers. He also works with design, architectural and engineering professionals as well as testing consultants. Geza is recognized by Chambers Canada as a leading lawyer in the area of construction law.

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

## Delay Claims from a Subcontractor Perspective - What to Do Before You Go Legal



In the high-risk world of construction, delay can make or break a subcontractor's financial stability. Join us for this insightful session, "Delay Claims from a Subcontractor Perspective: What to Do Before You Go Legal," where Dan Leduc will break down how mechanical subcontractors can identify, document, and protect themselves against costly delays. From understanding common scheduling pitfalls to navigating contractual obligations and notice requirements, this presentation will equip you with practical strategies to mitigate risk and strengthen your claims before legal action becomes necessary. Whether you're dealing with project overruns, schedule disruptions, or loss of productivity, this session is essential for contractors looking to safeguard their bottom line.

### Dan Leduc - Soloway Wright LLP

Dan Leduc practices almost exclusively in the field of construction law and dispute resolution. He is frequently called upon to advise and represent owners, subcontractors, suppliers, and builders in such front-end services as contract reviews, tender issues, and general construction matters, as well as in litigation and arbitration.