



Parliament's Professional Engineers

CCPE wants the concerns of our profession to be heard and understood on Parliament Hill. As a result of the recent federal election, this might be easier as there are now seven professional engineers who sit in the House of Commons—a dramatic increase from the previous Parliament.

Professional engineers elected to the 39th Parliament are:

- Omar Alghabra, P.Eng. (Ont.) Liberal
- Steven Blaney, ing. (Que) Conservative
- Robert Carrier, ing. (Que) Bloc Québécois (re-elected)
- Raymond Chan, P.Eng. (B.C.) Liberal (re-elected)
- Sukh Dhaliwal, P.Eng. (B.C.) Liberal
- Pierre Lemieux, P.Eng. (Ont.) Conservative
- Thierry St-Cyr, ing. (Que) Bloc Québécois

Unfortunately, longstanding parliamentarian Andy Savoy, P.Eng., who knew CCPE well, was defeated in his bid for re-election.

However, the seven MPs, combined with three senators, who are also professional engineers, namely Joseph Day, P.Eng. (N.B.); Mac Harb, P.Eng. (Ont.); and, Robert Peterson, P.Eng. (Sask), represent a significant core of potential support for advancing engineering issues on Parliament Hill.

CCPE looks forward to working with these individuals, and other members of Parliament, to add a valuable engineering perspective to important national issues, such as infrastructure and climate change, which affect the health, safety, and well-being of all Canadians.

National Engineering Week - Discover the Engineer in You

Between February 25 and March 5, youth across the nation are encouraged to "discover the engineer" in them, during National Engineering Week (NEW), the annual week-long celebration geared towards initiating young Canadians into the engineering profession.

This year, more than 500 National Engineering Week activities will be held in various communities across Canada. Fun, interactive events like bridge building contests, robot competitions and design

contests will capture the imagination of 8-12 year old students, prompting them to discover the engineer in them.



All events are organized by Canadian engineering students, faculties, and the profession's 12 provincial and territorial engineering licensing bodies.

For a detailed listing of what is taking place in your community, or for more information on National Engineering Week, visit www.new-sng.ca

Software Human Resource Council's (SHRC) Expanding the Reach

Occupational Profile Development for the Hardware Sector

SHRC would like to invite your participation in a \$6.1 million national initiative. Since 1992 SHRC has worked with industry to develop and maintain an internationally competitive software labour force. Its success has won federal funding to serve the workforce needs of the hardware sector as well.

The industry has benefited from:

- Fast-track immigration to meet urgent skills shortages; and
- Comprehensive labour market information (compiled quarterly by Statscan):
 - to target regions where skills recruitment is most productive;

- to help manage labour costs with extensive survey data; and
- to help SME's with HR support tools.

To shape education and training programs to meet changing company needs, we are organizing a cross-country series of one-day working groups to help develop the industry-wide job profiles that are a cornerstone of the Council's efforts. We would like to invite your participation.

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Calendar of Events

- Canadian Engineering Competition, March 9-12, 2006, École Polytechnique de Montréal, Montréal, Quebec.