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CPA President
Wade Pink

Hey everyone,

I'm really looking forward to our first-ever convention in Thunder Bay! It's going to be a great chance to connect, learn, and celebrate our industry. Whether you're exploring the beautiful North, visiting Miller Precast, or just catching up with friends and

colleagues, I encourage all of you to come and make the most of it.

I know many of us are traveling from different places, but this isn't just a trip — it's an opportunity to strengthen our community and renew our passion for what we do. This convention has always been not only a great time but a chance to network and learn. As summer turns to fall, it's a good reminder of how fast time flies and how important moments like these are.

With the economy facing some uncertainties it is making planning and growth difficult. At the same time, the slowdown in growth and new projects is making things even more

challenging for communities and the future. As an industry, we must stay united and learn from each other to move forward successfully.

This will be my last convention as President, and I can't believe how quickly these past two years have gone by. It's been an amazing journey, full of growth and memorable moments. I really hope to see you all in Thunder Bay. Let's make this event inspiring, fun, and make it a great opportunity to share ideas and push our industry forward.

See you there!

Wade Pink

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Register Now!
NOVEMBER 16, 17, 18, 2025.

Visit cpaontario.com/convention-registration to register or check your email for a manual registration form. We look forward to seeing you all at the Valhalla Hotel & Conference Centre for our 33rd Annual Convention.

33RD ANNUAL CPA CONVENTION



*Bridge Panels
Manufactured by Miller
Precast Ltd.*



*Indoor Pool at Valhalla
Hotel, included in your
stay*



*Nathaniel Rankin
Magician, Mentalist &
Circus Artist,
Monday Evening's
Featured Entertainment*

Get ready to mix, mingle, and make moves—because the **33rd Annual Concrete Precasters Association of Ontario Convention** is shaping up to be our most dynamic gathering yet! From **November 16–18**, join industry leaders, innovators, and peers at the Valhalla Hotel & Conference Centre in Thunder Bay for three days of insight, inspiration, and unforgettable experiences.

This year's speaker sessions bring together seasoned professionals and fresh voices who are ready and driven to support the precast industry. Don't miss our **Round Table Discussions**, where you'll dive deep into the issues that matter most. These collaborative sessions are designed to spark real solutions and give every voice a seat at the table. Whether you're a veteran precaster or new to the industry, your perspective is vital.

Prepare to be amazed! **International magician and circus artist Nathaniel Rankin** will dazzle us with a high-energy show blending magic, mind-reading, and comedy. With performances in over 35 countries, this is one act you won't want to miss.

See innovation in action with a guided tour of **Miller Precast's** cutting-edge facility in Rosslyn. **A shuttle will be available from Valhalla Hotel.** PPE required: hard hats, boots, and eye protection.

SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 15

SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 16

MONDAY,
NOVEMBER 17

TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 18

HIGHLIGHTS

Brew Tour
Hosted by Miller Precast

**Welcome Reception
& Exhibits**

**AGM, Speaker Sessions,
Round Tables**

**Cocktail Hour, Dinner
& Entertainment**

Plant Tour
Hosted by Miller Precast

NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

POLARMATIC LTD.

Polarmatic Ltd. is a technology-driven company specializing in innovative solutions for the concrete industry. With a strong presence in North America and Europe, Polarmatic delivers advanced systems for heating, curing, and moisture control, helping precast and ready-mix producers optimize quality and efficiency. Their flagship technologies include the Polarmoist, heating and Curing product groups, designed to enhance production reliability and sustainability.

Angela Watson is the Sales Manager Canada for Polarmatic Ltd., based in Ayr, Ontario. With a background in the industry and a passion for customer success, Angela brings a wealth of industry knowledge and a hands-on approach to supporting customers. She plays a key role in expanding Polarmatic's footprint in Canada and ensuring tailored solutions for each customer's unique needs.



IN MEMORY OF GLENN CAVERLY AND JIM WILKINSON: BUILDERS OF LEGACY AND INTEGRITY

Glenn Caverly

Glenn Caverly was the association's first administrator and a devoted champion of its growth, tirelessly recruiting members across Ontario and helping establish a strong foundation. For over a decade, he and his wife Dorothy organized conventions and supported operations, remaining active even in retirement – a testament to Glenn's deep passion for the industry.

Jim Wilkinson

Jim Wilkinson was a deeply respected leader whose tireless work in standards development and regulatory advocacy helped elevate the quality and integrity of the precast concrete industry across Ontario. His legacy lives on through the CPA Product Registration Program and the many lasting contributions he made to our association and its relationship with key provincial bodies.

REGISTRATION PROGRAM UPDATE

CSA B66 Annual Compliance – The CPA Red Tag Advantage

The Ontario Building Code requires that all septic tanks with a design capacity of up to 10,000 litres/day be constructed in accordance with CSA B66. It is the Municipal building inspector's responsibility to ensure all newly installed tanks meet this standard.

The CPA's **Red Tag** Program supports inspectors by clearly identifying concrete tanks that comply with CSA B66. The **Red Tag** confirms that the precaster participates in a recognized certification program, which includes annual quality testing and inspections.

Annual Compliance Requirements

Each year, registered producers must prove the **structural integrity** and **water tightness** of their tanks. This process involves engaging a Professional Engineer to inspect and witness testing of tanks which are randomly selected from the producer's inventory.

At least 10% of all registered tank models must be tested annually, with the goal of testing each model at least once every ten years.

Key program elements include:

1. Engineer's Plant Visit & Inspection

- Each year, the Certifying Engineer visits the plant, randomly selects tanks, personally witnesses all required tests and confirms tank markings meet CSA B66.

2. Mandatory Testing

- Required tests include a **Vacuum Test, Chamber Divider Test, and a Water Tightness Test.**
- Tanks must pass all three tests. Any failures are reported, and retesting is allowed.

3. Engineer's Report

- The Certifying Engineer prepares a report including the Product Test for Annual Compliance form, product drawings and a written opinion on CSA B66 compliance.
- Concrete test results showing compressive strength, air content, slump, and concrete temperature must be included: one test for every 50 tanks produced
- These tests must be performed by qualified concrete technicians.
- The Certifying Engineers report is forwarded to the producer and CPA's Program Administrator

4. Program Administrator Review

- CPA's Program Administrator reviews the engineer's report and visits the plant.

5. Certification Renewal

- If all CSA B66 requirements are met, the Program Administrator recommends to the Product Certification Committee that the plant be authorized to continue using **Red Tags** for another year.

Maintaining Program Integrity

The CPA keeps an up-to-date list of registered tanks by plant, available on the CPA website. Producers must affix a **Red Tag** to all their registered tanks. This maintains the program's credibility and helps inspectors ensure that all concrete tanks meet CSA B66 standards.

Dominic Girotti P.Eng.
*Program Registration
Administrator*



STRENGTHENING INDUSTRY TIES: CPA BUILDS BRIDGES ACROSS ONTARIO

The Concrete Precasters Association of Ontario continues to expand its network and foster meaningful collaboration across the province's regulatory and onsite wastewater sectors. Over the next year, CPA proudly plans to deepen its relationships with both the Ontario Onsite Wastewater Association (OOWA) and the Ontario Association of Sewage Industry Services (OASIS), by actively participating in each other's conventions and sharing knowledge to support shared goals.

These partnerships reflect our commitment to building a more connected and informed industry—one where precast manufacturers, installers, and regulators work together to elevate standards and improve outcomes.

Looking ahead, CPA will also be attending the Ontario Building Officials Association (OBOA) Annual Meeting and Training Sessions (AMTS). This marks another important step in our outreach to Part 8 regulators, where we'll continue to provide clear, accessible information about our Product Registration Program and the value it brings to municipalities and industry professionals alike.

By showing up, sharing expertise, and listening to the needs of our peers, CPA is helping shape a stronger, safer, and more collaborative future for precast in Ontario. We're proud of the connections we've built—and even more excited about where they'll take us next.



News In Brief

REGISTER NOW! Join us in THUNDER BAY, Ontario November 16, 17 & 18, 2025 for our Annual Convention. Details have been emailed and registration is available online:
<https://cpaontario.com/convention-registration>

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Fall Elections: As we approach this year's Annual General Meeting, we'd like to remind members that 2025 is an election year for the CPA Board of Directors. If you're passionate about shaping the future of our association and contributing to the growth of the precast industry, we encourage you to put your name forward for consideration. Serving on the board is a meaningful way to get involved, share your expertise, and help guide the direction of our organization.

Points TO ponder

Precast concrete was used in ancient Rome. Ontario just added frost heave and moose crossings to the equation.

Ontario has over 250,000 lakes. That's a lot of shoreline—and a lot of potential for waterfront retaining walls.

Thunder Bay once recorded a wind chill of -58°C . That's cold enough to make fresh concrete think twice.

Ontario's official animal is the common loon. But if precast were an animal, it'd be a beaver—industrious, resilient, and always building.

Concrete doesn't freeze until it's cured—but your crew might. Coffee: the unofficial admixture of Canadian winter pours.

If Ontario's unofficial motto is "Keep Building," precast is the province's spirit animal—strong, adaptable, and always ready to dam something.

Ontario forests cover over 60% of the province. That's a lot of trees—and a lot of reasons to use concrete instead of wood.

The only thing more permanent than a precast wall is the opinion of a seasoned plant manager on curing times.