

## **Thomas Dunbar, FCSC, RSW**

Thomas (Tom) Dunbar has been involved in the construction industry for the last 40 years. Originally from Scotland, U.K. he was apprenticed as an HVAC Engineer. The work involved commercial as well as health facilities, industrial and process design engineering of such things as high pressure hot water and steam distribution systems, boiler plant design, and contract administration. He continued his career in the Mechanical disciplines when he immigrated to Canada in the early 1970's.

After spending some time in the private sector, Tom took employment with the Department of National Defence (DND) where he gained further experience in the mechanical disciplines, particularly related to the specialized type of work environments required by the military.

In the late 1980's while still with DND, Tom switched disciplines and careers and became a full time project specification writer specializing mostly in architectural, civil and structural specifications. Working out of Defence Headquarters, the variety of projects covered all aspects of construction since each DND base operates as a small town and has construction for all of a small town's amenities. During this period he was introduced to the National Master Specification (NMS) and became involved in several NMS technical committees including the Architectural, the Food Services and the Transportation committees. The work at DND also gave Tom experience of construction projects located in Canada's far north.

In 1995, Tom moved from DND to Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) to join the NMS Secretariat and was Manager of that organization for 10 years. However, after 30 years of service to the taxpayers of Canada, Tom left PWGSC to start his own business as a consultant in private practice and as President of TD<sup>2</sup>.

Since becoming a full time specification writer in the late 1980's, Tom has been very much involved in Construction Specifications Canada (CSC). He became a Registered Specification Writer (RSW) in 1996 and was invested into the CSC College of Fellows in 2000. He has been involved as a volunteer on numerous committees both at the local Chapter and National levels. Tom has been the CSC representative on various CSC/Construction Specifications Institute joint committees including those related to MasterFormat, and other committees related to specification writing formats.

Tom was the co-author of both CSC's original Principles of Construction Documentation course and the original Construction Contract Administration course. He was one of the subject matter experts during the development of the online version of CSC's Specifier 1 course and is currently one of CSC's online instructors education instructors. He is the Chair of the Education Maintenance Task Team.

## **INDUSTRY PARTICIPATION**

### **Construction Specifications Canada**

- 1993 to Present - Member CSC Chapter Executive (variety of positions);
- 1994 - 1996 - CSC/CSI MasterFormat Update Team;
- 1996 - CSC/CSI UniFormat Task Team;
- 1997 - CSC/CSI Integrated Information Initiative;
- 1998 - CSC/CSI SectionFormat Update Team;
- 2001 to Present - CSC Board of Directors and Executive Council Member;
- 2002 - 2004 - CSC ICIS Representative;
- 2002 - 2004 - CSC/CSI MasterFormat Update Task Team;
- 2008 - 2009 - CSC President
- 2011 - Present - Chair, Education Maintenance Task Team

### **Algonquin College**

- 2009 - Present - Member Architectural Technology, Board Advisory Committee

## Partial Client List

3M Canada Inc.  
Alumicor Ltd.  
Arcom MasterSpec  
Construction Specifications Canada  
Da-Lite Screens  
Defence Construction Canada  
EIFS Council of Canada  
Halsall and Associates Inc.  
Jacques Whitford (Stantec) Ltd.  
K2 Stone Inc.  
Maxxon  
Natvick Design Inc.  
Pro-Bel Ltd.  
PWGSC - NMS Secretariat  
Reed Construction Data - Buildcore  
Reed Construction Data - (US)  
Roxul Inc.  
Schindler Electric  
Spec Masters + Associates Inc.  
Stantec Ltd.  
Sto Canada  
The Flag Company

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