



## **Summary Report 2015 ASHRAE Region II CRC**

The Hamilton Chapter was the proud host of the Annual Region II CRC. The CRC was held on August 21-23, 2015 at the Sheraton Hotel in downtown Hamilton, Ontario.

This was my third time as CRC General Chairman for Hamilton, and was by far the most successful, due mainly to my over 20 volunteers.

I was able to secure a rate at the Sheraton Hotel of \$109 per night. It is important to note, not to take the first price the hotel offers you. We had 2 other local hotels also wanting our business, and it's easy to negotiate with the hotel to lower their price to get your business. My initial contact with the Sheraton started out at \$149 per night. I ensured that the hotel allowed for a late check-out time. The meeting is over around 12 noon Sunday and the hotel must allow you a 12:30pm check-out. I made sure of this during negotiations.

The Hamilton Chapter had 4 sponsors. We had never gone this route before but admit it did offset some unexpected costs. One of our bigger costs was the Saturday night venue at Tim Hortons Field. This proved to be very successful, both with the meal and the Bubble Soccer played after the supper.

The Companions, that took advantage at the CRC, were very glad to have gone on a Wine Tour of the Niagara Peninsula on the Friday. They must have been all worn out as not one companion took advantage of our planned shopping tour Saturday afternoon. The Art Gallery in the morning had 9 in attendance.

The Technical Tour of First Ontario Centre had an attendance of 14 people.

One overcrowding workshop issue was with CTTC. Many attendees sat in on the morning workshop because there was no other workshop until after lunch. This caused an attendance of over 25 people prompting the Sheraton to warn me of a potential fire hazard as there was too many for the size of room.

The meals from the Sheraton were exceptional. Many were a buffet style, such as breakfast, and there was never a shortage of food as they extended the hours I projected without question.

The Hospitality Suite was cramped and due to Sheraton liquor laws we were forced to shut down at 1am. This was more than ample time, we felt, because attendees still had to attend meetings the next day. How effective are you if you stay up until 3am?

Despite many emails to Chapter Historians only 3 of 9 Banners showed up which was very disappointing.

The History Display should be located in a locked room. These are an important part of all our Chapter History, and don't need missing items that could never be replaced.

All in all, I felt it was an excellent CRC. Our attendance of over 100 people proved that CRC's are beneficial to our Region 2 despite continued efforts from Atlanta ASHRAE to push toward more Centralized Trainings.

Respectfully Submitted

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