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Summer 2015

ON THE COVER: President's Message: MCA Toronto Prepares For Industry Perspectives Annual General Meeting

By AL PROWSE, MCA Toronto President

The time has come for me to write my last President's Message and prepare to pass the gavel on to the new incoming president at this year's Annual General Meeting at the Queen's Landing Inn in Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON, in October.

This past year has certainly been a whirlwind of activity for myself and the association. We managed to survive the cold winter and then saw a slow start to spring, but our man-hours (as of May) remain 123,000 over budget, and MCA Toronto remains healthy.

As we strive to adapt to an everchanging construction climate, MCA America (MCAA) continues to be a valuable resource for us. I recently attended the MCAA's Construction Technology Conference in Chicago, IL, where sessions on subjects such as "The Rise of the Super Sub," "Smart Buildings" and "Technology Driven Contracting – 3D Laser Scanning" were in the spotlight. A full report on this conference is available on page four of this issue of the Pipeline.

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ON THE COVER: President's Message: MCA Toronto Presents Industry Awards

By AL PROWSE, MCA Toronto President

MCA Toronto Continues to Build for the Future.

As I sit down to write the President's Message for the Spring edition of the Pipeline, I realize how quickly time is flying by. It seems like only yesterday that I was given the gavel and assumed the role of association president. It has been a very cold winter where we witnessed record snow fall in eastern Canada, multiple cold weather warnings in southern Ontario and the ongoing challenges of recovering our market share.

The MCA Toronto Board of Governors sat down with Local 46 representatives in February as part of its ongoing round table discussions to help identify areas where we can help each other increase market share. This sort of cooperative

dialogue between management and labour shows the commitment from both sides to continue to improve our relationship and quality of life.

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Winter 2015

ON THE COVER: President's Message: MCA Toronto Presents Industry Awards

By AL PROWSE, MCA Toronto President

MCA Toronto kicked off the new year in the cold, which is the usual scenario for January in the Greater Toronto Area. In mid-January, MCA Toronto was happy to host 363 industry partners at its annual luncheon on January 14, 2015 at the Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall in Markham, ON. As always this event provided time to catch up with friends and associates before a delicious lunch was served. Additionally, MCA Toronto was proud to recognize this year's winners of the Annual Safety Awards of Merit, which were presented by the Infrastructure Health & Safety Association (IHSA) along with the MCA Toronto Executive.

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Fall 2014

ON THE COVER: President's Message: MCA Toronto Working To Offer More Benefits To Members

By AL PROWSE, MCA Toronto President

As you receive your edition of the Fall Pipeline, you are probably well aware of the change in seasons unfolding before us. Gone are the sun and warmth, and in are the cool, windy days and even colder nights. I hope this is not a sign of things to come. In the last issue I mentioned that the MCA Toronto Executive Committee would be meeting with MCA Chicago in late August.

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Summer 2014

ON THE COVER: President's Message: MCA Toronto Implements New Membership Meeting Schedule

By AL PROWSE, MCA Toronto President

As the year progressed, we travelled through hills and valleys each month on MCA Toronto's man-hour count. The good news is that MCA Toronto budgeted 3,819,192 and the actual total for our fiscal year was 4,066,472.

This year MCA Toronto has decided on a new membership meeting schedule to have contractors meet every six months to talk about the current collective agreement and discuss items within it that may have to be reviewed before

May 1, 2016.

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Spring 2014

ON THE COVER: President's Message: MCA Toronto Springs Into Spring

By AL PROWSE, MCA Toronto President

As I mentioned in the Winter issue of the Pipeline, we attended the MCA America Convention. One of the highlights for me was attending the International Alliance meetings with MCA's from the United States, England, Australia and Canada.

There was a great exchange of ideas and a discussion on common concerns faced by the industry on a global scale.

The MCA Toronto Executive had a chance to meet with the MCA of Eastern Pennsylvania Executive in late March. We shared our educational programs and discussed the daily operations of our MCA's. Mr. Mark Rogers and Mr. Tim Brink co-ordinated the meeting in downtown Philadelphia. On behalf of the MCA Toronto Executive, I would like to thank these gentlemen and hope to be able to return the hospitality shown to us if they have time to visit Toronto.

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Winter 2014

ON THE COVER: President's Message: Will Spring Ever Be Sprung?

By AL PROWSE, MCA Toronto President

As the fall ended and winter approached, no one knew what Toronto was in for from Mother Nature. Not long after the Construct Canada trade show came to a close, we embarked on a winter journey we haven't seen in a very long time.

The holiday break, from late December to New Year's, brought an ice storm like no other. Loss of power was felt for hundreds of miles east and west of Toronto – from Lake Ontario to north of Newmarket. Maintaining warmth and keeping the pipes from freezing was the number one priority for many as the holidays approached.

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Fall 2013

ON THE COVER: President's Message: MCA Toronto 50th Anniversary
a Great Success!

By AL PROWSE, MCA Toronto President

My name is Al Prowse and I am president of H. Griffiths Co. Ltd. I am proud to announce that as of October 5, 2013, I have assumed the position of president of MCA Toronto.

The passing of the presidential gavel occurred during the association's 50th annual general meeting held at the J.W. Marriott

in Minett, Ont. I would like to thank Mr. Deepak Nayak for his years of service to MCA Toronto and the industry as a whole. I wish Deepak and his wife Meena all the best for the future, and look forward to working with him in his role as Past President.

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Summer 2013

ON THE COVER: President's Message: MCA Toronto Networking Opportunities Abound This Summer

By DEEPAK NAYAK, MCA Toronto President

As the days are quickly becoming shorter, I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer thus far. MCA Toronto's summer agenda has been and continues to be jam-packed with a host of social and networking opportunities for members to partake in.

The summer kicked-off with The summer kicked-off with the MCA Toronto Golf Classic, which was held on June 27, 2013, at the Nobleton Lakes Golf Club in Nobleton, Ont. The annual classic was once again a fantastic day with MCA Toronto members, associates and industry partners enjoying a great round of golf and camaraderie.

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Spring 2013

ON THE COVER: President's Message: MCA Toronto Achieves Memorandum of Agreement for 2013-2016

By DEEPAK NAYAK, MCA Toronto President

As we all know Mechanical Contractors Associations were formed to negotiate with the United Association (UA) Local Unions in specific regions. Since the late 1970s, MCA Toronto has been an active partner in provincial bargaining.

As of Apr. 26, 2013, the Mechanical Trades Bargaining Committee (MTBC) and the Ontario Pipe Trades Council (OPTC) reached a Memorandum of Agreement for the 2013 to 2016 Collective Agreement.

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Winter 2013

ON THE COVER: President's Message: MCA Toronto Moves To New Facility

By DEEPAK NAYAK, MCA Toronto President

After much preparation and excitement, MCA Toronto has finally made the move to its new facility at 595 Cityview Blvd., Unit 7, in Vaughan. The Association is extremely excited about the new office and training space. MCA Toronto is planning an Open House on May 2 to celebrate the move. MCA Toronto kicked off 2013 with the annual Industry Luncheon.

The event proved to be another great success with 375 industry representatives attending the event. ...
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Fall 2012

ON THE COVER: President's Message: MCA Toronto Gears Up For Big Move

By DEEPAK NAYAK, MCA Toronto President

As the weather begins to cool down MCA Toronto is busy building not only its new office in Vaughan, Ont., but also its line-up of social events to help the membership warm up. As we anticipate a gradual increase in man-hours throughout the Fall and early Winter, the association is anticipating the completion of its new office later this year. We expect to move-in early in the New Year.

MCA Toronto's Annual General Meeting (AGM) was a great success...

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Summer 2012

ON THE COVER: President's Message: MCA Toronto To Re-Locate

By DEEPAK NAYAK, MCA Toronto President

I am pleased to announce that after a lengthy search, MCA Toronto has purchased new condominium office space at 595 Cityview Blvd., Unit #7 in Vaughan. The interior build-out will be performed this fall, and our scheduled move-in is slated for the year-end. The new location will provide us with some extra office space as well as allow us to host larger groups for training sessions and education seminars.

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Spring 2012

ON THE COVER: President's Message: Gearing Up For A Busy Spring!

By DEEPAK NAYAK, MCA Toronto President

Winter, as we know it, never did make an appearance in 2012. Work stoppages or delays due to weather were uncommon for the first time in history for the Greater Toronto Area. I believe the record warm weather we have experienced will be to the advantage of contractors as we dive into what is clearly shaping up to be a busy spring season. MCA Toronto's man-hours bounced back in November and December 2011. Even though there was a slight slump in January, a positive surge came in February 2012.

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Winter 2012

ON THE COVER: President's Message: Safety Awards Presented At Industry Luncheon

By DEEPAK NAYAK, MCA Toronto President

As I prepare the President's Message for the Winter 2012 edition of the Pipeline, the only thing that has not arrived is winter itself. The Greater Toronto Area (GTA) has not had the harsh winter we are accustomed to. In fact, the warmer weather and minimal snow accumulation may not be good from a global environmental point of view, but has definitely been beneficial for projects under construction with regards to a productivity and scheduling point of view.

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Fall 2011

ON THE COVER: President's Message: MCAT Optimistic For Good Times Ahead

By DEEPAK NAYAK, MCA Toronto President

It was an honour and privilege to accept the position of president of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Toronto (MCAT) on Sep. 24, 2011, during the Association's Annual General Meeting held at the Blue Mountain Resort in Collingwood. I have enjoyed my many years serving on various MCAT standing committees, and look forward to my two-year term as president of a very active and progressive association.

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Summer 2011

ON THE COVER: President's Message: Great Steps Taken Over Past Year

By VINCE DI GAETANO, MCA Toronto President

It is with mixed emotions that I write my last President's Message for this Summer 2011 edition of the MCA Toronto Pipeline. Over the last two years I have held this post, I have watched my family mature and my business grow as I made my regular trips to MCA Toronto's Committee meetings. I feel my time on the Board of Governors has passed very quickly, but the time has now come for me to pass the gavel.

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Spring 2011

ON THE COVER: President's Message: Rain Hampers Construction Starts

By VINCE DI GAETANO, MCA Toronto President

After a fairly wet spring, the number of delayed, sizable projects continues to grow! As summer quickly approaches, the sun will hopefully make a return and the GTA construction industry can ratchet up to speed.

In the meantime, while the industry patiently waits for work to begin, MCA Toronto is moving very quickly on its seminar series, with a wide array of subjects for our Members and Associates. The MCA Toronto Young Executives Committee (YEC), in conjunction with our Associate Members, has been instrumental in organizing some of the subjects and speakers.

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Winter 2011

ON THE COVER: President's Message: Man-Hours Increase In Recent Months

By VINCE DI GAETANO, MCA Toronto President

MCA Toronto started the year off with a great turnout of industry partners at the 2011 Industry Luncheon with 340 registered for the event. I am pleased to report we have seen an increase in man-hours in recent months. Our member firms have an abundant amount of work in the early stages of construction..

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Fall 2010

ON THE COVER: President's Message: Annual Meeting Draws Record Numbers

By VINCE DI GAETANO, MCA Toronto President

If the reported man-hours for September are any indication, we are hoping that this is the beginning of a recovery after a slow year. Commercial and Institutional work has slowed this year, but the forecast from now until June 2011 is looking very promising. MCA Toronto had an excellent turn out for the 47th Annual General Meeting at the J.W. Marriott Resort and Spa in Minnet, Ont. The weather was favourable for the conference aside from a foggy/drizzly golf game which kicked off the festivities on Friday and was followed by a dinner cruise on Lake Rosseau that evening. The Annual General Meeting on Saturday morning was very busy with a number of business items addressed including the addition of five more Associate Member companies being added to the current roster.

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Summer 2010

ON THE COVER: President's Message: Business Picking Up In Summer Months

By VINCE DI GAETANO, MCA Toronto President

Even though the first six months of this year showed a considerable slow down in man-hours, MCA Toronto members saw work increase as we entered the summer months. Our members remain positive that the second half of the year will hold a lot more promise for industry activity. The summer months are jam-packed with member social and educational events. The summer schedule kicked off with the MCA Toronto Night with the Blue Jays on June 4. This event was well attended by both our Associate and Contractor members, and even resulted in a Blue Jays win over the New York Yankees six to one.

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Spring 2010

ON THE COVER: President's Message: Business Picking Up In Summer Months

By VINCE DI GAETANO, MCA Toronto President

MCA Toronto is pleased to announce that we and our industry partners at the United Association of Plumbers, Steamfitters and elders have reached a Provincial Agreement for 2010 to 2013. As partners, we believe we have reached consensus on several items that will make us even more competitive in this growing market. We look forward to serving our industry and our customers as we move into the summer months. Since January 2010 the MCA Toronto man-hours have been lower than in past years. However, our members have reported that the work load is certainly showing signs of huge growth as the summer progresses. Hopefully, this increase will proceed into the fall and winter as well..

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Winter 2010

ON THE COVER: President's Message: Record Attendance at Annual Luncheon

By VINCE DI GAETANO, MCA Toronto President

The Winter season smiled upon us this year and once again provided members with an opportunity to meet and greet friends and customers. MCA Toronto started off the year with our annual Industry Luncheon held on Wed. Jan. 13, 2010 at the Crystal Fountain Banquet Hall in Markham. Mr. Derek Edwards was fantastic entertaining the record crowd. The New Year was unfolding the same as other years until that point, but what followed was somewhat surprising. The work that usually develops after mid-January did not arrive. And, as we are preparing the Pipeline for the CMX show on Mar. 25 to 27, 2010, the quantity of work still hasn't shown any growth to speak of.

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Fall 2009

ON THE COVER: President's Message: New Chapter Unfolds at MCAT

By VINCE DI GAETANO, MCA Toronto President

It was my honour and privilege to accept the position of President of MCA Toronto on Sep. 19, 2009 during the MCA Toronto Annual General Meeting held at the Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville. I have always taken pride in being involved in the activities of MCA Toronto, and have enjoyed serving on the standing committees as well as the Board of Governors. I was very pleased to greet so many 'first-timers' to the 2009 Annual General Meeting. I believe all attendees had a very enjoyable weekend. We had 60 golfers hit the links on Friday morning including the President-Elect of MCA America Mr. Bob Armistead from Waldwick, New Jersey. On Friday evening our group had Mr. Bill Carr conduct a fitting tribute of Past President Mr. Don Capotosto.

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Summer 2009

ON THE COVER: President's Message: Uncertainty Gives Way to Positivity

By D. Capotosto, MCAT President, Gimco Ltd.

As the summer of 2009 comes to an end I reminisce on my many years as both a Mechanical Contractors Association of Toronto (MCAT) Board Member and Committee Member. This year is a very exciting year for my company and I. GIMCO Ltd. is celebrating 50 years of in business and I am celebrating the opportunity of passing the MCA Toronto President's gavel onto Mr. Vince Di Gaetano of Royal Mechanical for the 2009 / 2011 term.

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Spring 2009

ON THE COVER: Changes to the Construction Safety Association of Ontario

Ontario to recognize the system of health and safety associations

The Construction Safety Association of Ontario (CSAO) will be changed over the next year as Ontario reorganizes the 12 health and safety associations (HSAs) in the province. In 2008, the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) embarked on the five-year Road to Zero strategy. It aims to reduce lost-time injuries by seven per cent across Ontario each year, for an overall reduction of 35 per cent by the end of 2012. Later in 2008, the Occupational Health and Safety Council of Ontario – which gathers representatives from the WSIB, the Ministry of Labour, and the HSAs – launched a roles review of Ontario's HSAs. The purpose was to explore how they could be realigned to achieve the objectives of the Road to Zero. The review concluded that the health and safety system has achieved major successes over the years, but faces many challenges that cannot be met under the current arrangements. The review recommended more integrated, collaborative, streamlined, and focused HSAs that expand their frontline operations (more field consultants directly helping workplaces prevent injury and illness).

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Winter 2009

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Uncertain Times. This Winter is turning out to be one like no other before. We wait with cautious optimism as the buyers of construction secure their financial commitments for future projects. As I draft this report in early February, MCA Toronto Contractors have work lined-up for 2009, but the future appears to be uncertain. For now we must look beyond the doom and gloom we are bombarded with daily in the media, and wait patiently for new life to be returned to the economy.

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Fall 2008

ON THE COVER: Annual Meeting A Success!

The 45th MCA Toronto Annual General Meeting was a great success with 185 contractors and associate members attending. This year's event once again provided members and industry partners with an excellent opportunity to discuss the pressing issues that continue to affect all of us. ... The various mechanical contractors' associations must continue to work co-operatively with our industry partners in order to forge comprehensive strategies for meeting future issues such as labour shortages and competitiveness against non-union labour, and secure a bright future for all involved.

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Summer 2008

ON THE COVER: Victaulic Company

Piping. Systems. Solutions.

Victaulic, the world leader in mechanical pipe joining systems, was founded in New York City in 1925 to market a radical new concept in the piping industry — a mechanical bolted coupling that would engage into grooves and use a gasket seal. The concept of joining pipe with bolted mechanical couplings originated during World War I for rapid deployment of fuel and water to Allied forces. The company that worked closely with the War Department of England to develop this new method of joining pipe was named Victory Pipe Joint Company after the coupling it had engineered — known as the "victory joint" from early military uses. Later, combining the words "Victory" and "Hydraulics" the name was shortened to Victaulic, and the company began to shift its focus to the commercial piping industry and market its new innovative method of joining pipe.

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Spring 2008

ON THE COVER: President's Message

MCA Toronto Man-hours Reach All-Time High

By D. Capotosto, MCAT President, Gimco Ltd.

The MCAT man-hours are currently at an all time high. All areas of the Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) sector are experiencing a huge workload in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). As we begin the Budget Process for the 2008/2009 year, we believe the work load will remain strong for the remainder of 2008. And, with the amount of commercial towers coming out of the ground in the downtown core, our contractors and workforce will certainly remain busy

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Winter 2008

ON THE COVER: Anvil International Canada

Building Connections That Last

Anvil Canada, a division of Anvil International Inc., is a focused sales organization working with engineering communities, mechanical contractors, wholesalers and distribution customers on a national level. The company is a proud member of industry associations such as the Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating (CIPH), Mechanical Contractors Association of Canada (MCAC) and the Canadian Automatic Sprinkler Association (CASA).

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Fall 2007

ON THE COVER: MCAT Annual Meeting - A Successful Event!

The 44th Annual General Meeting was a great success with 204 contractors and associate members attending. The weather was spectacular at the Blue Mountain Resort in Collingwood as the attendees could enjoy the village during their free time. The weather was cool but dry for the MCA Toronto AGM Golf Day with 54 golfers taking to the links for one more round as the season comes to a close.

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Summer 2007

ON THE COVER: Goreway Station - Ontario's First New Major Power Station To Be Built in More than 25 Years

Comstock Canada Ltd. is heavily involved in the construction of the first new major power plant to be built in Ontario in over 25 years. The Goreway Power Station is located on a 20 hectare site on the west side of Goreway Drive (between Hwy. 407 and Regional Road 107) in Brampton. The 875 Megawatt combined cycle plant is comprised of three natural-gas turbines, one steam turbine, air cooled condensers and three HRSG's.

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Spring 2007

ON THE COVER: MCAT Forms Alliance With ORAC

The Mechanical Contractors Association of Toronto (MCAT) and the Ontario Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Contractors Association (ORAC) have partnered in an effort to strengthen the industry. In keeping with the partnership, a representative from ORAC will sit on the MCAT Board of Directors as an Ex-Officio member and MCAT will have representation on the ORAC Board.

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Winter 2007

ON THE COVER: Accreditation - Have Your Say About A Historical Development in Construction Health and Safety

The Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) and the Construction Safety Association of Ontario (CSAO) will open public discussions about establishing an accreditation program for construction contractors.

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Fall 2006

ON THE COVER: President's Message: The 43rd MCA Toronto Annual General Meeting Was a Great Success.

180 contractors and associate members attended. It is my sincere hope that this event will continue to be a favourite of our members and that it will evolve into a platform for discussing the pressing industry issues that continue to affect us all.

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Summer 2006

ON THE COVER: Contractor Default Insurance: A Subcontractors Dilemma

By STEVEN D. NESS, President, Surety Association of Canada

The first contractor default insurance policy was rolled out in late 1996 in the United States. The product was marketed to large general contractors who were seeking an alternative to the surety approach that would give them more

control over the completion process upon the default of a subcontractor.

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Spring 2006

ON THE COVER: President's Message

By R. KELSON, MCAT President, Geo. A. Kelson Ltd.

MCA Toronto Spring Social - A Success!

I am pleased to report MCA Toronto has had a very successful Winter and Spring. I had the opportunity to attend the Canadian Construction Association (CCA) Meeting and participate in the Trade Contractors and Standard Practice Committee Meetings in February. We believe it is a very positive movement to see more Trade Contractors attending the CCA Meetings.

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Winter 2006

ON THE COVER: Rouge Valley Health System - Aging Facility Receives New Life

Fifteen floors above ground level pumps the life force of Rouge Valley Health System's Scarborough facility – Centenary Hospital. After 40 years of supplying heating, cooling and various other systems vital to sustaining the facility, hospital management decided it was time to breathe new life into the aging arteries, and come of age with regards to energy efficiency

and environmental concerns.

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