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**Maritime Chapter Conference - Section de le maritime
Delta Beauséjour, Moncton, New Brunswick**

May 3-5, 2026

“Healthcare facilities: Influencing tomorrow”

Conference Program

Sunday May 3rd

7:00 – 9:00 pm – Registration, Opening reception

Sponsored by:

Location: Shediac Rooms AB

Monday May 4th

7:30 – 8:20 am – Registration and Breakfast

Sponsored by: Belimo Air controls

Location: Shediac Rooms AB

8:20 – 8:25 am – Welcoming Remarks – Steve Smith, Chair, CHES Maritime

8:25 – 8:30 am – Greeting from the National Board – Kate Butler, President CHES

8:30 – 9:30 am – **Keynote Address: Gratitude at Work: The Superpower to Thrive**

Speaker: Steve Foran

9:30 – 10:15 am – Seminar 1: Risk Tolerance in Healthcare Engineering: The Hidden Driver of Serious Incidents

Presenter: John Evinger

Despite strong safety programs, serious incidents continue to occur in healthcare facilities. This session examines how **hazard identification, risk tolerance, and organizational culture** influence real-world decision-making in healthcare engineering and facilities operations. Using Canadian injury trends and healthcare-relevant examples, participants will explore why high-risk activities fail even in compliant environments and how a **safe-to-fail mindset** and layered controls can better protect workers, patients, and critical infrastructure.

10:15 – 10:30 am – Refreshment Break - Mezzanine

Sponsored by: Camfil

10:30 am – 11:15 pm – Seminar 2: Clean Up Your Act - Energy Management and its Potential Detrimental Effects

Presenter: Kurtis Langille

This presentation's objective is to educate healthcare facility professionals (managers, engineers, consultants, and staff) on energy management, emphasizing how improper management can adversely affect equipment longevity and facility reliability.

11:15 – 12:00 am – Seminar 3: Building a thriving culture with grateful leadership

Presenter: Steve Foran

To build a thriving culture you must embed gratitude practices into your daily operations. These practices shift mindsets which in turn drives your culture. In this session we introduce the frameworks and process for introducing and expanding gratitude practices into the unique operations of healthcare engineering operations and maintenance. Drawing on *The Playbook for More Gratitude at Work*, you'll leave with lots of ideas and one concrete action to implement when you get back to the office.

12:00 – 12:30 pm – Annual General Business Meeting

12:00-12:30- Lunch for exhibitors - Mezzanine

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Sponsored by: Smith + Andersen

12:30 – 5:00 pm – Afternoon with Exhibitors: Location: Ballroom A B C

2:30 – 2:45 – Refreshment break – Mezzanine

Sponsored by: Abatement Technologies

4:00 – 5:00 pm – Happy Hour on the Exhibit Floor

Sponsored by: Tremco/Pure Air

4:45 pm – Vendors draw prizes

6:00 pm – Dinner – Gallagher's Traditional Irish Pub – 1751 Main St (across from the Delta)/Pumphouse (One block down from Delta)

Your dinner venue will be based on first delegates to register will be given tickets to Gallagher's Traditional Irish Pub until it reaches capacity, after which, delegates will receive tickets to the Pumphouse. Food ordered from a shortened menu when you arrive. If you have any dietary restrictions, please advise Debbie Fenton. Debra.Fenton@HorizonNB.ca

Those eating at the Pumphouse are invited to stop into Gallagher's on your way to enjoy the oyster bar and back after your meal for entertainment.

Dinner Sponsored by: Siemens and MCW Custom Energy Solutions, Oyster bar by: Flynn Group of Companies

Tuesday May 5th

8:00 – 8:45 am – Breakfast

Sponsored by: Eaton Industries and EXP

Location: Outside Shediac AB

8:50 – 9:35 am – Seminar 4: Geothermal + Heat Recovery Chiller Plants for 24/7 Mental Health Facilities: Designing for Net-Zero Carbon, Redundancy, and Operational Resilience

Presenter: Andrew Nguyen and Peter Kastelic

This session summarizes the geothermal system and heat recovery chiller (HRC) application for a new Mental Health & Addictions Acute Care Facility/Life Skills Centre, focusing on how a modular geothermal heat pump chiller can be integrated into a combined heating/cooling plant, supported by a vertical borehole field and heat recovery strategies. Emphasis is placed on reliability (24/7 operation, N+1), pumping/controls, and real-world implementation challenges for healthcare-grade resilience.

9:35 – 10:20 am – Seminar 5: How to Prepare Your Facility for the Future: Insights from Nova Scotia's One Person One Record (OPOR) Journey

Presenters: Christine O'Donnell and Jeff Harding

This panel will share early insights from Nova Scotia's One Person One Record (OPOR) initiative and what it means to prepare healthcare facilities for a province-wide Clinical Information System. Speakers will discuss lessons learned, emerging themes and how OPOR is shaping the future of digital readiness in Atlantic Canada.

10:20 – 10:30 am – Refreshment break

Sponsored by: Controls & Equipment

10:30 – 11:15 am – Seminar 6: Emergency Preparedness and Delivery in Long Term Care Environment

Presenters: Laura Steele and David Betts

To share preparation and roll out process and procedures to manage safe emergency evacuation in a Long-Term Care setting and to show through recent examples of large scale, serious emergency events the actual delivery of emergency evacuation and to discuss lessons learned that enhance future preparedness.

11:15 am – 12:00 pm – Seminar 7: Building a Stronger Nova Scotia

Presenters: David Benoit and Mike Morgan

Nova Scotia is undertaking one of the most significant healthcare infrastructure renewal initiatives in the province's history, guided by the principles of futureproofing, system integration, and innovation in project delivery. Build Nova Scotia is championing Nova Scotia's commitment to reimagining healthcare infrastructure through intentional planning, integrated delivery teams, and the pursuit of innovative construction methodologies that support timely, adaptable, and resilient healthcare systems.

12:00– 1:00 pm – Lunch

Sponsored by: Debois Chemicals

Conference Wrap Up and CHES Maritime Draw Prizes

Including a trip for a regular delegate to CHES National Conference in St. John's (must be in attendance to win) - Sponsored by FirstOnSite