

2020 Award of Merit Recipient

Jacques Côté, ingénieur, M.Sc.A.



In recognition of exceptional technical knowledge, collaborative guidance, and strong advocacy of electrical safety standards

For nearly two decades, Jacques Côté has been heavily involved on CSA Electrical Code Part I and Part III committees, including serving as Chair on many Technical Subcommittees over his tenure. As the current Canadian Electricity Association (CEA) representative on the CE Code Part I Technical Committee, Jacques has led the response to numerous proposals that affect the interaction between Canadian electric utilities and their customers' electrical installations. With approximately 100 Canadian electric utilities, these are often technically complex and have numerous, diverse solutions. Jacques continually succeeds in developing a consensus position that electric utilities can support and that the Part I Technical Committee and Sub-committees can understand and accept. This is no simple task.

Jacques has an ability to master complex subjects from multiple points of view, allowing him to successfully collaborate and build consensus amongst both his constituency and fellow committee members. He has prepared and delivered numerous presentations to facilitate the understanding of technical and logistical issues related to proposals that would impact the interaction of Canada's electric installation.

Jacques' timely and competent interactions with his constituency provide for a high level of trust in CSA's CE Code Parts I & III.

Jacques recently moved from Hydro-Québec's Distribution division to their Electrification des transports division. Over the last 20 years, Jacques has been the leader of many R&D projects at Hydro-Québec, and co-authored over 20 international publications and two patents.