ISC2

CHAPTERS

Montreal Chapter Annual Meeting

28 January 2026

Agenda

- ISC2 Requirements
- Looking Back at 2025
- Finances
- Officers Election and Assignments
- Looking Forward to 2026
- Questions, Comments & Discussions

ISC2 Requirements

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Hold Regular Meetings

- 3 member meetings
- 4 officer meetings
- 1 annual meeting (can be one of 3 member meetings)

Submit CPEs on behalf of members

Submit annual report by January 31st

Looking Back at 2025

Chapter Activities 2025

Annual Meeting

"AI & Cybersecurity: The Intersection of Defense, Threats, and Protection" by Razi Rais | Co-author of O'Reilly "Zero Trust Networks 2e" book | Senior Product Manager at Microsoft Security

"Cloud Network Security Zoning" by Norman Kamau | Sr IT Security Consultant

"Put Your Money Where Your Risk Is: Build a Defensible Cybersecurity Budget" by Vishal Chawla & Priti Patil

"BSides Montreal" booth to represent the chapter to a broader public

"A Novel Dynamic Approach for High-Speed, Large-Scale, and Zero False Positive Analysis of NPM Packages" by Tariq Houis, Cybersecurity Professional and Researcher

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

Connecting Through Events 2025

September 13th

“BSides Montreal”

Representing the chapter to a broader publicum

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October 29th

in-person networking event

@ **Concordia University**

A Novel Dynamic Approach for High-Speed, Large-Scale, and Zero False Positive Analysis of NPM Packages

By Tariq Houis, Cybersecurity Professional and Researcher

Conference Passes in 2025

Chapter members were provided passcodes to attend conferences for free or at a reduced price.

- November 4 - 5: OTsec Canada (Montreal)

Online Presence

We are maintaining the following:

Chapter's Webpage

LinkedIn page with periodic postings and announcements with 500 followers

EventBrite Channel to promote activities and talks

These helped us be more visible and recruit members as well as increase the attendance of our events.

Special Thanks to everyone making this happen**!**

Online Presence

Chapter Achievements 2025

Throughout our work, we were able to:

- Meet ISC2 requirements and remain in good standing with about 55 paying members and 9 academic members
- 1 in-person event at Concordia
- Increase our chapter's prominence
- Collaborate with other regional chapters and ISC2
- Gain support from commercial organizations
- Improve our online presence and visibility
- Provided members access to conferences with the help of sponsors

Finances

Closing Book 2025

2024 Closing Balance on 31 December	
Closing Balance 2024	**2 545.20 CAD**

2025 Income	
Membership at 25.00 x 55	1 375.00 CAD
Operation Funds by ISC2	670.19 CAD
Stipend program by ISC2	720.05 CAD
Total	**2 765.24 CAD**

2025 Expenses	
Banking Fees	58.95 CAD
Supplies (web hosting and zoom)	467.41 CAD
In person event (Food, Gift)	916.83 CAD
Total	**1 443.19 CAD**

2025 Closing Balance	
Closing Balance	**3 867.25 CAD**

Budget forecast 2026

Expected Expenses	
Bank Fees	70.00 CAD
Zoom subscription Annual	250.00 CAD
HostPapa (Domain)	50.00 CAD
HostPapa (3 years WordPress)	600.00 CAD
GoDaddy (Hosting Webpage)	150.00 CAD
In Person Events, Merchandise, etc.	1 500.00 CAD
Enhancing the Digital Platform	800.00 CAD
Total	**3 420.00 CAD**

Expected Income	
Membership Fees (60x25)	1 500.00 CAD
Stipend ISC2 (like recent years)	720.00 CAD
Total	**2 220.00 CAD**

Membership Fee Payment

Amount: CAD $25.00 per year

- Interac e-Transfer: payments@isc2mtl.ca (Auto Deposit)
- Payment to be made by 1st March 2026
- The same information can be found under the Membership section on the chapter's website https://isc2mtl.ca/membership

Maintain Your Membership

Being a member allows us to submit CPEs on your behalf.

No one is a member by default; you must apply for membership and fill out the form once.

You don’t have to re-apply if you already became a member in a previous year.

Pay the membership fee.

Refer to: https://isc2mtl.ca/membership/

Officer Election and Assignments

2026 Elections

One Core role is up for election:

- Treasurer

* A note for 2027 as the following roles are up for election:

President, Vice President (end of tenure), Secretary, Membership Chair

To be eligible for the president or vice president role, the candidate must have served on the board of officers or been a volunteer for at least one year supporting the chapter operations.

Elections

The nomination committee approved the nomination of the following candidates:

- Treasurers: Shan Swaleh, Wassim Bizid

Special thanks to the nomination committee:

- Dukens Lafaille, Albert Charron, Marc Mongeau, Michel Arredondo, and Roger Zahno.

Presentation of Candidates

- Shan Swaleh
- Wassim Bizid

Vote

Please cast your vote.

Please keep in mind that only votes from ISC2 members and chapter members who are in good standing will be deemed valid.

Appointed Roles

Appointed Roles are subject to annual renewal and are helping with developing the chapter programs and visibility.

Past President – Merwais Shinwari

- Supports the transitioning of the incoming president
- Continues to support the chapter in a leadership role

Community Outreach Chair – Harold Betnga | Activities Chair – Luigi Avino

- Outreach to the community on behalf of the chapter
- Organizing talks and sponsored events

Digital Channels Chair – Open

- Representing the chapter on digital platforms and communication channels like our Web page, LinkedIn, YouTube, Eventbrite, Discord, etc.

Looking Forward to 2026

2026 Chapter Outlook

Support the Chapter

We need your help to maintain and further grow the chapter:

- Chapter programming (talks, other activities, etc.)
- Planning and execution of in-person events
- Developing and maintaining online channels
  - E.g., our website, LinkedIn page, etc.
- Participation in the ISC2 Mtl Chapter events
  - Be present and learn from experts. Your online or in-person participation counts for the grow of the Chapter.

Questions?
Comments?
Discussions?

Stay In Touch

Webpage

- https://isc2mtl.ca

LinkedIn

- https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12410139/
- https://www.linkedin.com/company/isc2montreal/

Email

- communication@isc2mtl.ca

ISC2 Community Hub

- https://community.isc2.org

Please invite your colleagues and friends!

Thank you!
Merci!

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