

Minister Steve Clark  
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
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Dear Minister,

The Ontario Association of Architects (OAA) has a long-standing collaboration with the provincial government—and, in particular, your Ministry—as partners in serving and protecting the public through the built form.

With great interest, the OAA noted the *Code News* release on September 25, 2020. We understand that Ontario signed the Reconciliation Agreement on Construction Codes under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement, and would appreciate seeing a copy of this agreement when one can be shared.

I am pleased to report a very positive conversation with Mr. Zimmer in the Building and Development Branch, and we now understand that harmonization will be undertaken in a number of stages. As these stages unfold, we would stress the need for the Ministry to bring the OAA and other key stakeholders into that process. The OAA's dedicated Sub-Committee on Building Codes & Regulation (SCOBCAR) could be leveraged for this task.

On these and all other matters relating to the architectural profession, please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you or any of your staff ever have any questions.

Sincerely,



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President