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Practice Advisory, is a newsletter published six times a year, bringing to members' attention topics that have an impact on management of the practice or the project.

Practice Tips: OBC Matrices and *Construction Act* Resources

Download two new Practice Tips about interim adjudication and prompt payment, as well as other updates in the PT.10 Series on the *Construction Act*. The Practice Resource Committee also offers important updates to the OBC Data Matrices, and the related Practice Tips PT.03 and PT.35 Importance Category and Seismic Restraints.



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Requests and Risk Management: Hiring a Contractor for the Client

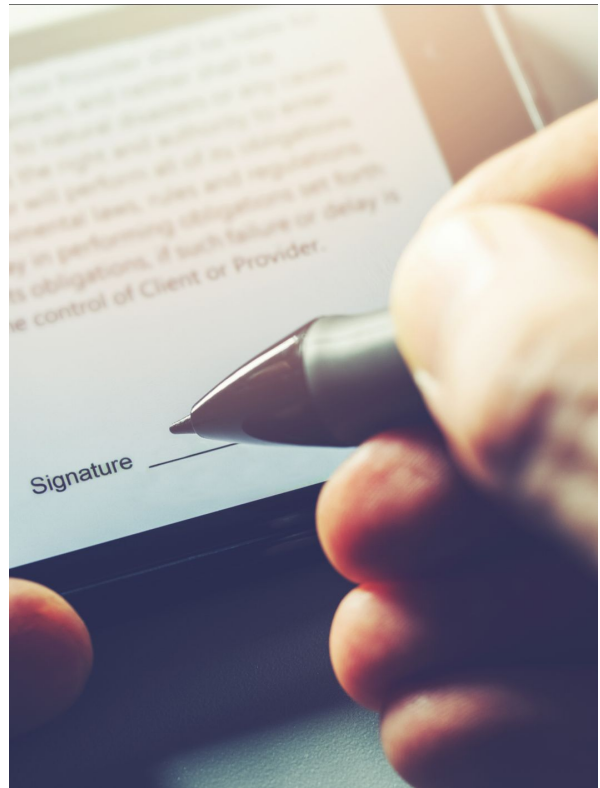
It is not unheard of for clients to request an architect to directly engage a contractor on the client's behalf for minor construction services. Usually the intent is to simplify the client's procurement or administrative processes. Is there a risk in agreeing to this?

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Lending Institutions - Attestations and Declarations: To Sign or Not to Sign?

When clients arrange for construction financing for their projects with lending institutions, both private and public lenders may request certification of an aspect of the project from a holder of a Certificate of Practice. Should you sign and submit? What can you do to lessen potential exposure to liability for your practice?

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R. v. Greater Sudbury Supreme Court Decision – What You Should Know

In November 2023, the Supreme Court of Canada (SCC) issued a decision in *Regina versus Greater Sudbury (City)*. The OAA Website offers a brief overview of the decision and flags a few items for practices to consider.

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Additional News and Resources

Encapsulated Mass Timber Construction: Public Review Open

The Canadian Board for Harmonized Construction Codes (CBHCC) is holding a **public review** of proposed changes to the 2020 National Building Code related to encapsulated mass timber construction. Submit comments by February 16.

Prompt Payment for Canada's Federal Projects Now in Force

The *Federal Prompt Payment for Construction Work Act* came into effect last month. There are many similarities with the prompt payment provisions in the *Construction Act* in Ontario, but members dealing with projects under federal jurisdiction **should become familiar** with the distinct differences.

New CCDC Contract Updates: Launch of CCDC 2MA, 4, and 18

Learn more about new documents, published in November 2023, from the Canadian Construction Document Committee (CCDC) on the [**OAA Website**](#).

New Ontario Electrical Safety Code: Intro Course Available

OAA members can become familiar with the new OESC by registering for various educational offerings. Learn more about the options on the [**OAA Website**](#).

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