



Practice Advisory

Practice Advisory brings to members' attention topics that have an impact on either management of the practice or management of the project.

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Revised North American Architectural Woodwork Standards (NAAWS) in Effect

Free Download Available

Launched earlier this month, the 4.0 edition of the [North American Architectural Woodwork Standards \(NAAWS\)](#) supersedes the previous 3.1 edition dating from 2014.

Updates to the Standards manual include new formatting, a unified installation guide, expanded material uses and assembly methods, as well as casework integrity testing.

The manual was developed by the NAAWS Committee, which is composed of individuals from the Woodwork Institute and the Architectural Woodwork Manufacturers Association of Canada (AWMAC).

For additional information on how to download, [click here](#).



Best Practices for Review of RFP Language and Supplementary Conditions to OAA 600 and Other Client Architect Contracts—Excerpt 13

The OAA continues to review RFPs and contracts with the intent of identifying requirements and/or provisions that:

- may be uninsurable;
- require an architect or Licensed Technologist OAA to contract out of their professional obligations as set out in the *Architects Act* and Regulation 27;
- are a contravention of either piece of legislation; or
- unreasonably increase their obligations beyond those at law.

This is the 13th in a series of excerpts from [Practice Tip 39.1](#) that should assist practices in making a ‘go/no-go’ decision with respect to responding to an RFP or in contract negotiations. It does not constitute legal advice. Members should familiarize themselves with all of 39.1, and refer to it when reviewing RFPs, and bid and contract documents. To read previous excerpts in this series, [click here](#).

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Looking for Volunteers for Practice Committees for 2022. Deadline October 15

Volunteers are important to the work of the OAA. A diversity of voices, opinions, skills, and knowledge is critical to the decision making process. Consider volunteering on one of the three practice-focused Committees that have vacancies starting January 2022.

- Practice Resource Committee (PRC)
- Practice Review Committee
- Sub-Committee on Building Codes and Regulations (SCOBCAR)

Those interested in applying should [review the information here](#), complete an [Indication of Interest form](#) and email it, along with their resumé, to [Mélisa Audet](#), manager of Practice Advisory Services by **Friday, October 15**.



Via *CodeNews* issue 315, the Ministry of Municipal Housing and Affairs (MMAH) advised it has updated the following three codes and guides to reflect changes to the 2012 Building Code Compendium (amended December 16, 2020):

- [2020 Code and Guide for Sewage Systems](#);
- [2020 Code and Guide for Plumbing](#); and
- [2020 Ontario Code and Construction Guide for Housing](#).

For additional information on how to purchase the documents, [click here](#).



A public consultation has been launched by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH). The proposed amendments can be found [here](#) and include:

- requiring two permits—one for the municipality in which a tiny home is being built and another in the municipality where the home is located;
- limiting proposed amendments to tiny homes' building code requirements; and
- enabling inspectors to conduct remote inspections by means of video and voice technology.

If made, the proposed amendments to the Building Code are intended to come into effect on January 1, 2022. The ministry requests feedback by **October 22** via [online submission](#).

CCDC

CCDC Orientation Webinars Series Starting in October

The Canadian Construction Documents Committee (CCDC) will be holding short webinars on a regular basis to provide fundamental information related to its suite of standard documents. This kicks off on **October 21** with a session on **CCDC 9, Statutory Declaration of Progress Payment Distribution**. It details how to fill out the forms, and explores the legal implications of a Statutory Declaration. Find more info [here](#).



From the OAA Practice Advisors: Recommended Mailing Lists

Some information is best or most easily obtained in a timely manner by subscribing to an online mailing or distribution list. As recommended by the OAA's Practice Advisory Services (PAS) team, the following are some that most members will find helpful.

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CSA Subscription Program: Have You Signed Up Yet?

As a reminder to all OAA licensed members, the Association has secured viewing access to all CSA Standards referenced in the building codes in use in Ontario through CSA

OnDemand. **Architects and Licensed Technologists OAA are encouraged to sign up IMMEDIATELY to take full advantage of the program.**

Those interested in registering for access must enrol by using a coupon code available by logging into the OAA Member Website. Please see the information and Quick User Guide on the [member side of the OAA Website](#) for details on who is qualified to register and how to get started. Enrollment in the program is subject to the terms and conditions of the OAA's agreement with the CSA.

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