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

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# Ontario's 2024 Building Code: Updated Code Matrices and Seismic Design Requirements

The 2024 edition of Ontario's Building Code came into effect on January 1, 2025, with a three-month transition period. Access the newly updated OBC Code Matrices and other resources to help your practice and your clients.

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## Ontario Now Allows Use of Encapsulated Mass Timber Buildings up to 18 Storeys

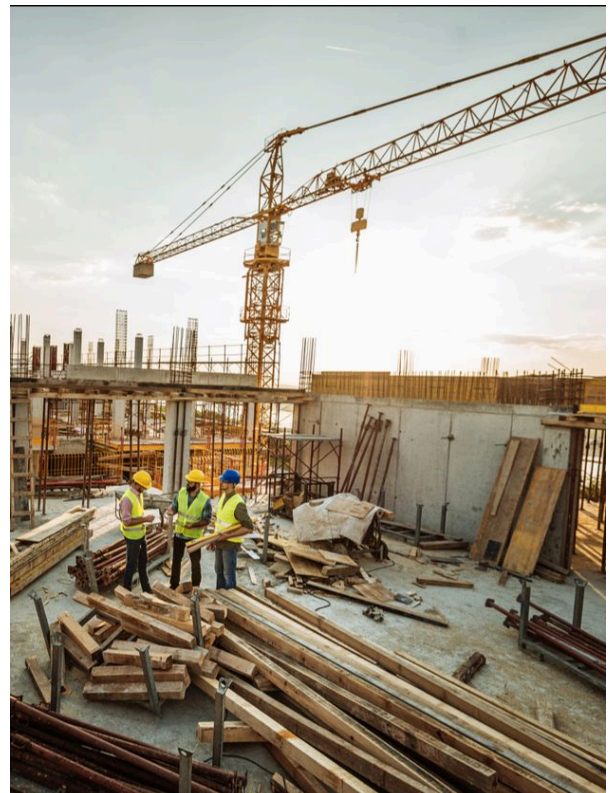
As of January 1, 2025, there are now technical provisions allowing encapsulated mass timber construction (EMTC) buildings to be constructed up to 18 storeys high in the OBC 2024.

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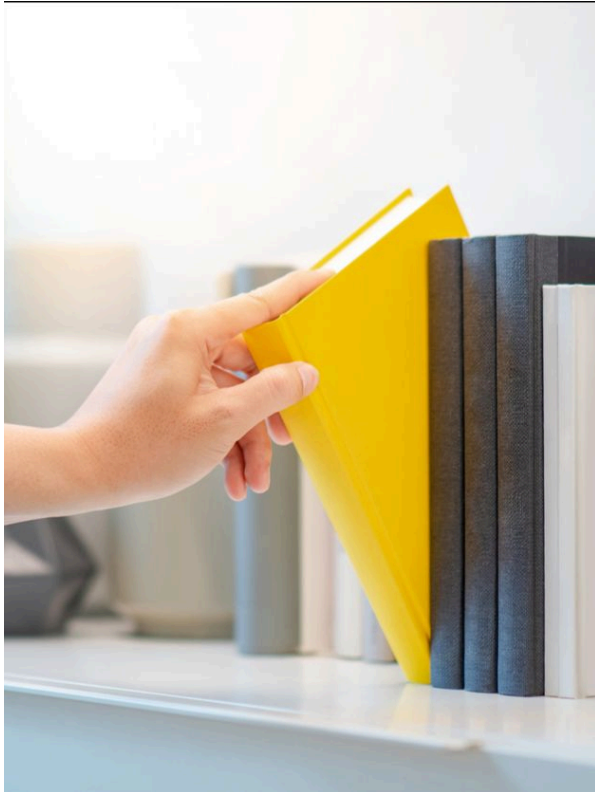
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## Bill 216: *Building Ontario for You Act* and Impacts to the *Construction Act*

Through Bill 216: *Building Ontario For You Act*, the provincial government has passed legislation that amends the *Construction Act*. Although the amendments are not yet in force, members should be prepared for the coming changes as they affect contracts for both construction and architectural services.



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## Now Available! Practice Tip PT.23 Series Updates

Endorsed by OAA Council earlier this month, the refreshed Practice Tips [PT.23.6](#) and [PT.23.7](#) provide suggested amendments to CCDC 14 and CCDC 15, when a Design-Builder is the client.

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## Additional News and Resources

### CSA Standards Access Program: What Were the Top 10 Most Accessed Documents of 2024?

If you have yet to register for this free program offered to all OAA licensed members, visit the [OAA Website](#) to learn more. You can also check out the Top 10 most accessed standards from last year.

## **Participate Now: Public Review of a Proposed Change that Addresses Overheating in the 2020 National Model Codes**

The Canadian Board for Harmonized Construction Codes (CBHCC) is inviting code users to take part in the public review of a proposed change that addresses overheating in new dwelling units (Parts 1, 6, and 9). Comments will be accepted until **February 24, 2025**. [Click here](#) to review and provide feedback.

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## **On-Site and Excess Soil Management Regulation: December 2024 Changes**

Further revisions to the Ontario On-Site and Excess Soil Management Regulation were made on December 12, 2024 and came into effect January 1, 2025. Visit the [OAA Website](#) to learn more.

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