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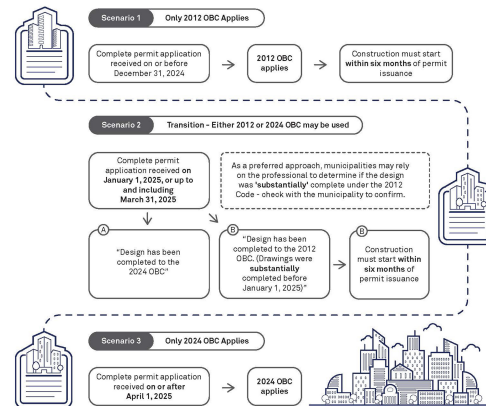
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Practice Advisory, a newsletter published six times a year, brings to members' attention topics that have an impact on management of either practice or the project.

New Transition Infographic on Ontario's 2024 Building Code

EABO has prepared an infographic to illustrate how some Ontario municipalities may be addressing the transition between the 2012 OBC and the 2024 version. However, some may choose a different approach and OAA members should directly confirm with the applicable municipality before submitting for permit, and inform their clients on the ramifications.

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Ontario's 2024 Building Code: Latest Resources Released

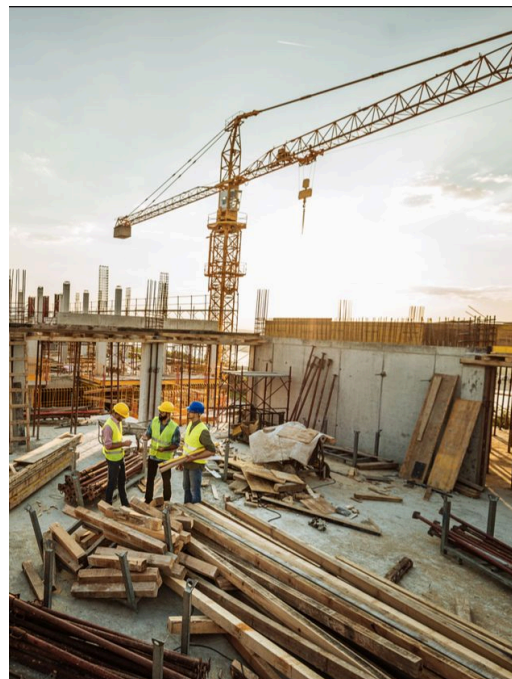
The 2024 Building Code Compendium is available as a two-volume hardcopy set. The MMAH has also announced new info sessions and issued amendment #1 to OBC 2024, which has new technical provisions allowing encapsulated mass timber construction (EMTC) up to 18 storeys high.

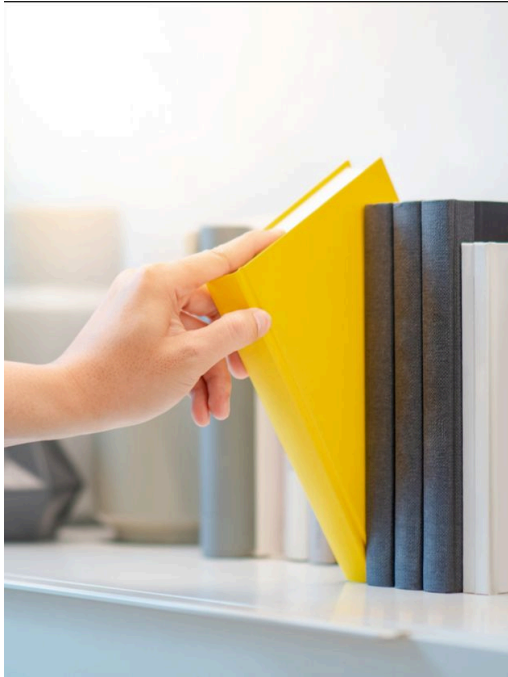
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Check Out Recent Changes to the *Construction Act*

The provincial government recently passed legislation that includes amendments to the *Construction Act*. Bill 216, *Building Ontario for You Act, 2024*, includes changes to access to statutory adjudication and mandatory annual release of holdback.

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Updated Practice Tip PT.25 Design Build Available

Endorsed by OAA Council in September 2024, the refreshed Practice Tip PT.25 provides a template for amendments to the OAA 600-2021 contract when a Design-Builder is the client.

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Additional News and Resources

Proposed Changes to 2020 National Model Codes: Participate in the Public Review

Until **December 19**, you can participate in the CBHCC's **public review of proposed changes** to the 2020 National Model Codes. These changes are expected to find their way into a future version of Ontario's Building Code. Learn more on the **OAA Website**.

CCA Publishes Guide on Risk Management in Construction Contracts

As non-standard agreements and supplementary conditions to construction contracts have become more common and complex, the **Canadian Construction Association (CCA)** has published a **new reference document** to help contractors understand associated contractual risks. Read more on the **OAA Website**.

Access to CSA Standards and Other Free CSA Resources

CSA standards are an important reference tool to aid in meeting building code requirements. Licensed members have free viewing access to the OAA's NBC/OBC Standards Collection. [Learn how to access](#) this program and other free CSA resources.

Recent Court Ruling on Construction Act Transition Rules

In August 2024, Ontario's Divisional Court ruled on a case where each improvement under a single contract may be governed by different implementations of the *Construction Act*. The ruling may potentially affect lien rights and obligations for all projects undertaken under the transition rules whether completed or active. Read more on the [OAA Website](#).

When a Building Department goes on Strike...

The OAA's Practice Advisory Services was recently alerted by the membership about a labour dispute that impacted a building department, leading to AHJs recommending that Architects provide detailed inspections reports. However, practices are reminded that when contracted to provide General Review services, this should not be mistaken for "site inspections." Learn more on the [OAA Website](#).

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