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# Practice Advisory

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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.

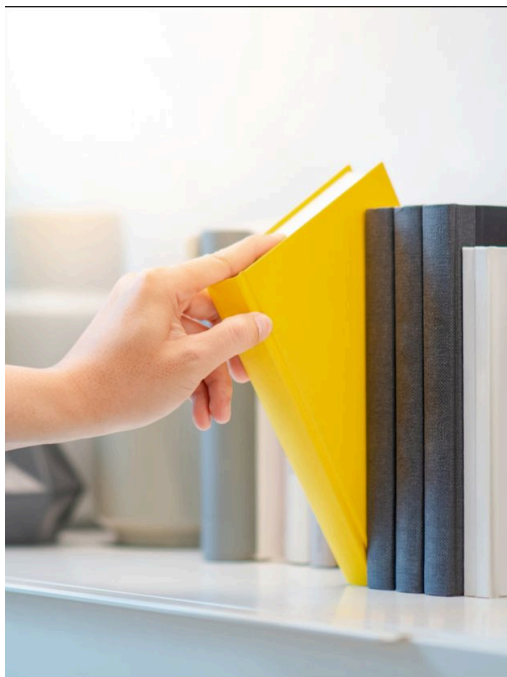
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## Ontario's 2024 Building Code: OAA Webinar Next Week, MMAH Recordings Now Available

The OAA is hosting a webinar next week about Ontario's new Building Code. Further, the recordings and slide decks of recent MMAH webinars are also now available, highlighting the key changes.

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## Retention of Specialist Consultants: Read the Updated Practice Tip

In April 2024, Pro-Demnity Insurance Company made **policy updates** related to retaining owner's specialist consultants, clarifying the language to make it clear insurance coverage does not include the "performance or engagement of geotechnical engineering services or services that constitute the practice of cadastral and professional surveying." The wording in the OAA's

Practice Tip PT. 30 therefore needed review and revision.

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## Register for CSA Modular Construction Standards Webinar

CSA standards are an important reference tool for OAA members. An upcoming webinar will guide participants through the CSA Standards Access Program, with participants also learning about the key CSA standards pertaining to modular construction.

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## Additional News and Resources

### Learn about Copyright and Industrial Designs Applied to Buildings and Structures

In June 2024, the [Canadian Intellectual Property Office \(CIPO\)](#) introduced a change in practice with respect to industrial designs applied to buildings or structures. Learn more on the [OAA Website](#).

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## National Model Codes: Learn about the 400+ Changes

The **Canadian Board for Harmonized Construction Codes** (CBHCC) has released 12 videos on the significant changes introduced into the 2020 National Model Codes. Topics include accessibility, energy efficiency, encapsulated mass timber construction, continuity of fire separations, sound attenuation, and large farm buildings.

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## Volunteer for Practice Resource Committee in 2025

Volunteers are important to the work of the OAA, with a diversity of voices, opinions, skills, and knowledge critical to the decision-making process. The OAA welcomes applications to serve on its committees over the 2025–2027 term, including the **Practice Resource Committee**, which reviews regulatory and business-related practice issues that impact day-to-day architectural practice. Read more on the **OAA Website** and apply by **October 25**.

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