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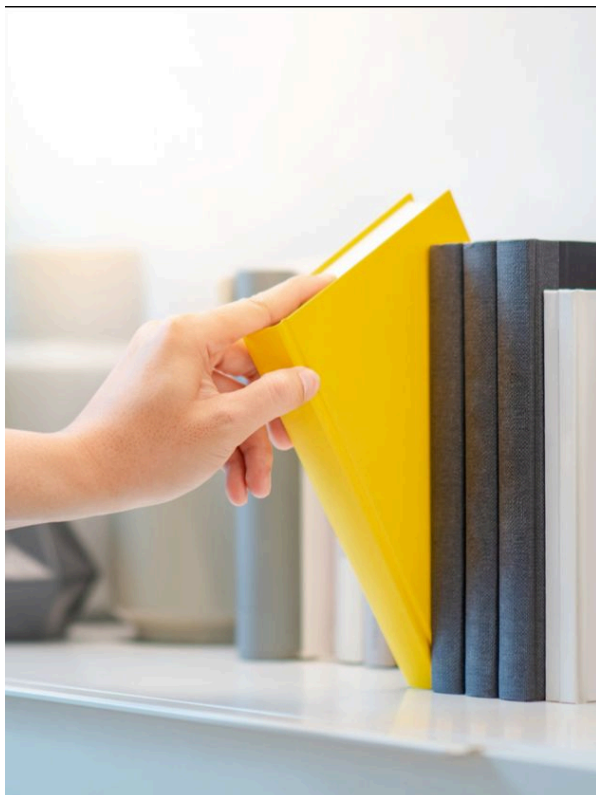
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Practice Advisory, a newsletter published six times a year, brings to members' attention topics that have an impact on management of either practice or the project.

Ontario's 2024 Building Code: Updated Practice Tip PT.08 Now Available

The 2024 edition of Ontario's Building Code came into effect on **January 1, 2025**, with a three-month transition period ending on **March 31, 2025**. Access the newly updated Practice Tip on building permit applications and other resources to help your practice and your clients.

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OAA's Regulatory Notices Updated

Regulatory Notices inform members and the public of the expected professional obligations of OAA members. Updated earlier this year, these notices are available in the OAA Website's Practice Advisory Knowledge Base under Resources.

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CCDC to Launch New Contracts on Construction Management and IDP

The CCDC is anticipated to launch updated construction documents, in advance of in-person seminars beginning in May 2025 in Ontario.

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Additional News and Resources

Preparing for Possible Impacts of Tariffs on Projects

While the design and construction industry continues to monitor developments around tariffs and supply chain availability, practices may want to brush up on resources dealing with substitutions, contract change forms, etc. Learn more on the [OAA Website](#).

Bill 216: Additional Impacts to the *Construction Act*

As noted in the previous [Practice Advisory](#), the *Construction Act* was amended by the *Building Ontario For You Act (Budget Measures)*, 2024, S.O. 2024, c. 20 - Bill 216. As discussed on the [OAA Website](#), the Association continues to monitor the situation.

Ontario Launches New Energy Efficiency Programs for Housing Projects

As part of the Ontario government's investment in energy efficiency, the new Home Renovation Savings Program was launched on January 28, 2025. Visit the [**OAA Website**](#) to learn more.

Participate in Public Review of CAN/CGSB/CSA-ISO 7817-1 Standard for Building Information Modelling (BIM)

CSA has a public consultation open until April 8 for a new standard titled, Building Information Modelling–Level of information need–Part 1: Concepts and principles. Visit the [**OAA Website**](#) to learn more.

Practice Tips Updates: Withdrawal of PT.23.1, PT.23.3, PT.23.4 and PT.23.5 on June 1, 2025

On June 1, four Practice Tips will be removed from circulation to make way for new forthcoming resources on construction management. [**Read more**](#).

National Research Council (NRC) Publishes User Guide for Part 4 (Division B) of the NBC 2020

The NRC recently published a new edition of the Structural Commentaries to reflect technical changes incorporated into the National Building Code 2020. [**Click here**](#) for more details on how to access the free PDF or purchase a hard copy.

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