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# CCMPA Updates

ADDRESSING ISSUES AND CONCERNS OF THE CANADIAN CONCRETE MASONRY PRODUCERS

*A monthly email will be forwarded to members to keep informed of activities and important issues that are occurring. If you have some industry information you wish to share with CCMPA members, please forward them to the CCMPA Office by the 15th of every month.*

## What is CCMPA doing for you ?

### Registry Requirements for the Modernization of Approvals for the Concrete Product Manufacturing Sector.

In December 2010, Dillon Consulting was retained by the Ministry of the Environment to assist in the Modernization of Approvals process for the Concrete Product Manufacturing Sector. Dillon is preparing a Rationale Report for the MOE to support their move from the traditional environmental approvals process to a Registry based process. The Registry will be a web-based registration system that will allow selected Sectors and Activities to proceed through the Registry process provided that they meet the criteria specified in defined Registry Requirement Scenarios. Each Registry Requirement Scenario will be comprised of combinations of risk management

measures including options for pollution control, best management practices and/or design constraints specific to the Candidate Sector/Activity.

All CCMPA members were asked to participate individually. The session was attended by Kell Walker, **Oldcastle Building Products Ca (Permacon Group)**. Kelly has volunteered to represent CCMPA at these meeting.

A follow-up session will be taking place specifically focusing on the Toxic Reduction Act.

More updates will follow as information becomes available.



## Christmas 2010

Members gathered at Alfredo's Ristorante at the Doubletree Airport Hotel to celebrate another successful year. Santa Shouldice made his annual appearance and is now threatening to retire his costume. CCMPA will now be taking applications for the replacement Santa. Applicants must have a Santa outfit and purchase all the gifts. "Thanks Rob", for all your hard work and dedication to making everyone laugh.  
(Jerry DeLuca & Santa)

# Getting the most from our Engineering Expert



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CCMPA continues to provide technical support services on an on-going basis *directly* to its members, as well as to masonry contractors, designers, builders, building owners, and regulatory authorities. Services include, but are not limited to structural engineering, building science and environmental separation, detailing, materials, testing, specifications, clarifications to codes and standards requirements, and on-site resolutions. Contact information is provided at <http://www.ccmpa.ca/TechnicalSupport.asp>.

CCMPA monitors and reports on activities and developments in the codes and standards environments, both nationally and internationally, which have direct impact on the use, application, and acceptance of concrete masonry materials and assemblies or have shown historically to have indirect influence. Standards Writing Organizations currently being monitored include ASTM (which affect CSA standards requirements), and the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) (which influences Canadian building energy requirements). Canadian codes and standards bodies currently being monitored and *influenced* include CSA, the National Building Code of Canada and various provincial building codes, the National Energy Code for Buildings, and energy requirements for houses and small buildings. Additionally, CCMPA provides *direct input* to the development of CSA masonry standards and the National Building Code of Canada.

As a participating member of MACS (Masonry Alliance for Codes and Standards), CCMPA monitors codes and standards activities and developments in the United States. MACS is spearheaded by the principal masonry associations within the U.S., including the National Concrete Masonry Association. By this monitoring, CCMPA is afforded the opportunity to report on issues which may subsequently influence developments in Canada, participate in advancing or mitigating their effects as required before "reaching Canada", and to identify and participate in common research initiatives.

Within Canada, the CCMPA helps identify, coordinate, and guide masonry and masonry-related research. Of special note is the masonry compressive strength study currently being undertaken at the University of Alberta and the National Concrete Masonry Association, and the on-going work by the National Research Council of Canada pertaining to fire characterization and to water management in wall systems.

Our next CCMPA Newsletter will give us an opportunity to discuss on-going and emerging issues in more detail.

## AGM & GOLF TOURNAMENT



The CCMPA Golf Tournament and Annual General Meeting will take place on Thursday, September 8th 2011 at Rocky Crest in Muskoka, ON

Details for both events will follow shortly.

Please save this date in your calendar.

## KELOWNA 2011

The CCMPA Western Canadian Meeting will be held on June 24th and 25th, 2011, in beautiful Kelowna, BC, at the Delta Grand Okanagan Hotel.

Members interested in attending this meeting are reminded to make a room reservation as soon as possible via the link below.

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### ONTARIO CODE NEWS

The Cement Association of Canada is leading an effective campaign to combat proposed mid-rise wood frame changes to the Ontario Building Code.

These changes will soon be published by the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) as part of the public review of proposed changes to the OBC.

The development of these changes is taking a form similar to that used earlier and successfully, in B.C. The proposed code changes are being prepared by the MMAH on the basis of a report by Arencon Consultants. The changes are due to be released shortly and the review period will last only 6 weeks.

Arencon Consultants are a partner organization to GHM Consultants who drafted the British Columbia mid-rise wood frame changes. We do not expect the changes proposed for the OBC to differ substantially from those adopted in BC.

In an effort, to provide some political opposition to the adoption of these changes, we are asking members to sign the Coalition letter that was forwarded to members previously. The letter essentially is asking that the MMAH reconsider the hurried adoption of these changes to the 2011 OBC. It is suggested that, since the NBCC will be reviewing the recent BC mid-rise wood frame changes, the MMAH should defer the adoption of these changes right now and wait for the results of the National review of the BC wood frame changes before enacting them in Ontario.

CAC has distributed this letter to all the Ontario MPPs. We ask each of you to submit your own letter to the Ontario MPPs voicing your opposition to the proposed code changes.