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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 ?

ONTARIO BUILDING CODE UPDATE:

There was an OBC Part 3 TAC meeting on Friday, April 30th. This meeting was called to review public comments, letters, etc. and make recommendations to the MMAH about mid-rise combustible construction. Apparently the meeting started off with the review but then quickly escalated to a roundtable discussion about what everyone thought about the proposed changes...the first 6-7 people, including some fire association members, had a real issue with the lack of research and supporting information that would justify the changes.

The TAC rejected the code changes mainly due to the lack of substantiation to simply prescribe six storey wood frame design and construction. It was also acknowledged that the national code process will be engaged in looking at this issue in the NBCC 2015 code cycle.

In the interim, there was a massive fire in Richmond, BC involving the first six storey wood frame structure being built under the new mid-rise requirements in the B.C. Building Code. As expected the building burned to the ground.



CCMPA will continue to monitor these developments.



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The CCMPA Western Canadian Meeting will be held on June 23rd and 24th, 2011, in beautiful Kelowna, BC, at the Delta Grand Okanagan Hotel.



KELOWNA 2011

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

http://www.deltagrandokanagan.com/1106canadi_001

The tentative schedule is as follows: Thursday, June 23rd, 8 am - Meeting, Lunch & Dinner. Friday, June 24th, 8am— Meeting, Lunch and afternoon activity. We have an exciting itinerary planned and if you are intending to bring you spouse, please let us know ASAP.

For more information please contact Marina de Souza at the CCMPA Office.

Getting the most from our Engineering Expert

Gary Sturgeon B.Eng., MSc., P.Eng.

The National Energy Code for Buildings has Heated Up

The Public Review period is completed, negative comments have been resolved by the Standing Committee on Energy

Efficiency in Buildings (SCEEB), and the Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes (CCBFC) is satisfied that due processes have been followed. The National Energy Code for Buildings (NECB 2011) is now scheduled for publication in the fall of this year, in readiness to serve as a model energy code for adoption and legislation by the provinces and territories, likely in 2012.

The NECB 2011 is intended to apply to other than Part 9 buildings, that is, to buildings that are constructed in accordance with Part 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the National Building Code of Canada. [An energy code intended to apply to Part 9 structures, *Housing and Small Buildings*, is currently under development by a Joint Task Group consisting of representatives from the SCEEB and the Part 9 Standing Committees. It is nearing development, continues to be monitored by CCMPA, and will undergo Public Review in the fall of this year.]

The NECB 2011 replaces the Model National Energy Code for Buildings, published in 1997; a model energy code which, for a number of reasons was *not* adopted by most provinces and territories. Assuredly, the outcomes for this NECB will be different. The provinces and territories were major-drivers of the NECB 2011 and have committed to adopting and legislating this Code either as-is, or with some change to satisfy regional sensitivities. To assist these key partners in facilitating the implementation of their policy goals and to improve the likelihood of broad provincial/territorial adoption the NECB

2011, shortly, a guideline document will be produced by SCEEB and the Canadian Codes Centre that will provide specific details on how the requirements of the NECB 2011 can be modified to achieve the specific policy needs of each of the provinces and territories.

Using the 1997 MNECB as a baseline performance level, the working target for the changes and requirements in the NECB 2011 was an energy performance target of 25% better than the 1997 MNECB. This was assessed by comparing the energy usage of buildings when designed to the MNECB 1997 against their energy usage when designed to the NECB 2011. SCEEB and the CCBFC are satisfied that this energy performance level has been reached.

The Province of Ontario is the first to begin the adoption process. In its new proposed energy requirements intended for the next edition of the Ontario Building Code, and introduced during the Public Review period that ended in the spring of this year, the NECB was named as one of three options for code compliance.

In the coming editions of the Newsletter, we'll identify and discuss the critical directives by the CCBFC, surrounding issues, and the requirements of the NECB 2011 that most affect the Canadian masonry industry.

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.

NEW MEMBERS

Brampton Brick

Tony Neves - Tony.Neves@bramptonbrick.com

Ottawa Brick & Block

Jean-Luc Parisien - jlparisien@bellnet.ca

We are diligently working to recruit other new members both producers and supplier members at this time. If you have any leads or require any information that would assist in recruitment, please contact M. de Souza at 416-495-7497 or via email at mdesouza@ccmpa.ca

Upcoming Meetings

CCMPA Meeting—Wednesday, May 18th—Toronto, ON

CCMPA Western Canadian Meeting—Thursday, June 23rd & Friday, June 24th—Kelowna, BC

AGM & Golf Tournament—Thursday, September 8th—Delta Rocky Crest, Muskoka, ON

Sponsorship Opportunities Available

As in previous years, our members have generously sponsored a variety of offerings at our Annual Golf Tournament. We are asking members to once again consider supporting the Golf Tournament so that we can provide a quality tournament. The Golf Committee will be contacting you over the next few months to solicit your support. For additional information regarding the golf tournament please contact any member of the Golf Committee: Ermie Oliveri, Mike Hesson, Andy Lamovsek, Dave Fleming or M. de Souza.