

Through this email, I am writing to advise you that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs (MMA) has recently launched the consultation process to amend the Building Code, and an opportunity is now available to join the consultation process.

MMA is proposing to revoke the current version of the Building Code (Ontario Regulation 332/12) and replace it with a new edition under the Building Code Act, 1992. It is proposed that the new edition come into effect in January 2019.

As part of developing the next edition of the Building Code, MMA is seeking input on proposed requirements to support the implementation of the government's Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP), which was released in June 2016. To support CCAP, MMA is seeking input on proposed requirements to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the building sector through changes to the Building Code.

This consultation process was launched on July 14, 2017 with the posting of a consultation paper on Ontario's Regulatory Registry. The consultation paper outlines a range of proposed changes, including:

- CCAP outlined specific actions for the building sector and Building Code to help Ontario reach GHG emissions reductions targets and to mitigate climate change; including:
 - o Updating the Building Code with long-term energy efficiency targets for new net zero carbon emission small buildings that will come into effect by 2030 at the latest
 - o Increasing the use of electric vehicles by requiring that all new homes and workplaces in Ontario are equipped with electric vehicle charging infrastructure
 - o Setting green development standards so municipalities would be able to pass bylaws related to certain green standards where there are technical standards in the Building Code and those standards are specifically identified for this purpose in the Building Code.
- Proposing a range of initiatives to reduce GHG emissions, such as:
 - o Energy efficiency requirements for houses
 - o Energy efficiency in large buildings
 - o Energy efficient renovations in houses and large buildings
 - o Electric vehicle charging in new multi-unit residential buildings
 - o Other green technologies
- Supporting Adaptation to Climate Change, including, for example:
 - o Hurricane Straps in New Houses

You may also like to note that the last date for providing comments/feedback on the proposed changes via Ontario's Regulatory Registry is September 29, 2017.

I hope you will find this information helpful. Please let me know if you have questions or concerns and I will connect with you experts on this subject in our ministry.

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