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Regulators collaborate to modernize National Building Code schedules

Edmonton – A joint working group of the Association of Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA) and the Alberta Association of Architects (AAA), with support from Alberta Municipal Affairs and the Safety Codes Council (the Council), has updated the *National Building Code – 2019 Alberta Edition (ABC)* schedules and created a user guide to assist stakeholders.

“APEGA is pleased to have been part of such a successful collaboration with AAA, the Council and Alberta Municipal Affairs. We believe this collaboration will significantly contribute to the public interest through safer building projects being completed in a more cost- and time-effective manner,” said Jay Nagendran, APEGA’s registrar and chief executive officer.

“AAA is delighted to have worked collaboratively with Alberta Municipal Affairs, APEGA and the Safety Codes Council to refresh the *ABC* schedules and develop a companion guide that will bring greater clarity to the roles and responsibilities of the users of these schedules. We are confident that these documents will be well received and will ultimately enhance public safety,” said Barbara Bruce, executive director of AAA.

Over the next several months, APEGA and AAA will provide education sessions, supported by Alberta Municipal Affairs and the Safety Codes Council, for its members and other stakeholders prior to Alberta Municipal Affairs issuing a [STANDATA](#) to permit the use of the updated schedules.

“The Council congratulates and thanks both AAA and APEGA for all their work on developing the new building schedules. We look forward to continuing to collaborate with these organizations and Municipal Affairs to ensure that all those involved in the building industry continue to work together. Copies of the schedules will be made available on our website when they come into force,” said Amina Deiab, president and chief executive officer of the Safety Codes Council.

The schedules track the legislated responsibilities of professional engineers and registered architects involved in Alberta building projects, as defined in the *National Building Code – 2019 Alberta Edition*, the *Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act*, the *Safety Codes Act* and the *Architects Act*.

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In place since the mid-1990s, the schedules needed modernizing to better protect the public. A key issue was inconsistent interpretation of the schedules by owners, constructors, contractors, registered architects, licensed interior designers, professional engineers, safety codes officers and the public.

Established in 1920, APEGA regulates the practices of engineering and geoscience to serve the public interest in Alberta.

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