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Regulators Collaborate to Modernize National Building Code Schedules

Edmonton, AB April 4, 2022 – A joint working group of the Alberta Association of Architects (AAA) and the Association of Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA), with support from Alberta Municipal Affairs (AMA) and the Safety Codes Council (SCC), has updated the National Building Code – 2019 Alberta Edition schedules and created a user guide to assist stakeholders.

“The AAA is delighted to have worked collaboratively with AMA, 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 enhance public safety,” said Barbara Bruce, Executive Director of the AAA.

“APEGA is pleased to have been part of such a successful collaboration with the AAA, AMA, and SCC. 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, Registrar and Chief Executive Officer of APEGA.

Over the next several months, the AAA and APEGA will provide education sessions, supported by AMA and the SCC, for its members and other stakeholders prior to AMA 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 CEO of the Safety Codes Council.

The schedules in combination with the guide, will more clearly articulate the legislated roles and responsibilities of registered architects, licensed interior designers and professional engineers 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*.

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.

Background

The Alberta Association of Architects (AAA) is a self-governing professional association legislated by the [Architects Act](#). Since 1906 the AAA has served the public and its members by administering the standard of practice for the professions of architecture and interior design in Alberta. The AAA is governed by a Council of Architects and Licensed Interior Designers who have been elected by the Membership.

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