



Recognizing Risk and Reducing Liability for Municipal Building Departments 2014

DATE: Wednesday, October 1st, 2014 TIME: 10:30 am

LOCATION: Strategy Room 1

GUEST SPEAKERS: Ms. Alison Orr - ORR BROWN Consulting Engineers Ltd, Ms. Marianne Brown - ORR BROWN Consulting Engineers Ltd

DESCRIPTION: Alison Orr, P.Eng., CBCO - Marianne Brown, P.Eng., CBCO - This updated session will help municipal building officials recognize risk and reduce liability associated with plan examination and inspections.

BIOGRAPHY: Ms. Alison Orr, Consulting Engineer

Alison Orr is a Professional Engineer, designated Consulting Engineer, and Certified Building Code Official, with Orr Brown Consulting Engineers Ltd. She is also a member of the Building Code Commission, a tribunal that deals with disputes between permit applicants and municipal building departments.

Alison started her career as a building inspector and building engineer with the City of Hamilton. She then joined Southward Consultants Limited, where she became involved in the investigation of collapses, failures, and loss of serviceability of buildings, and the evaluation of buildings damaged by fire, impact, and weather events.

A particular area of specialty for Alison is municipal liability claims, primarily with respect to standard of care related to building inspections and plan examination.

BIOGRAPHY: Ms. Marianne Brown, Consulting Engineer

Marianne Brown is a designated Consulting Engineer and a Certified Building Code Official. She is a member of the Hamilton Construction Association.

During her 13 years with the City of Hamilton, Marianne held several positions including Building Inspector, Building Engineer, Chief Building Engineer and Manager of Building Construction where she was responsible for a group of technical specialists who enforced the Ontario Building Code through plan examination and inspections.

In 2007, Marianne joined an engineering consulting firm evaluating damaged buildings, bodily injury incidents and municipal liability claims.