



## Responding to the needs of Ontario Building Officials-CSA Group Standards Update

Moderator(s): Debbie Swim

DATE: Monday, October 2nd, 2017 TIME: 1:40 pm

LOCATION: Peninsula Room.

GUEST SPEAKERS: Mr. Andrew Crees - CSA

**DESCRIPTION:** Andrew Crees, Program Manager, Construction and Infrastructure Standards, CSA | This session reviews the role that CSA Group Standards play in relation to your work as a Building Official, shares information regarding new relevant areas of CSA Group Standards work, explains how you can participate and benefit, and seeks feedback on your main objectives and biggest challenges.

**BIOGRAPHY:** Mr. Andrew Crees, Program Manager, Construction and Infrastructure Standards

Andrew Crees is Program Manager for the Construction and Civil Infrastructure Sector within CSA Group's Standards Division. He is a seasoned project manager and business development professional who thrives on bringing people together to achieve common goals. He has worked with CSA Group since 2014, and brings over 20 years of private and public sector experience to this role.

At CSA Group, Andrew currently leads a team of Project Managers who are responsible for over 250 active construction and infrastructure standards, of which over 150 are referenced in the Ontario Building Code. Andrew has directly facilitated the development of standards relating to prefabricated buildings, falsework and formwork, scaffolding and recreational vehicles. He leads the Canadian contributions to NAFS, the North American Fenestration Standard. Andrew has also contributed to several special projects at CSA Group, including leading a team that researched the role of standards in helping to solve some of the challenges facing Canada's North.

Prior to joining CSA Group, Andrew worked as a Trade Advisor at CMHC, Canada's housing agency, and has held roles in the renewable energy and forestry sectors. Andrew holds an International MBA from the Schulich School of Business, and a B.A. in International Development from the University of Toronto.