



Changes to the Ontario Fire Code

Moderator(s): Matt Farrell

DATE: Wednesday, October 9th, 2013 TIME: 10:30 am

LOCATION: Chedoke B

GUEST SPEAKERS: Mr. Gord Yoshida - A.C. Consulting Solutions Inc., Mr. Tony Crimi - A.C. Consulting Solutions Inc.

DESCRIPTION: Gord Yoshida, Fire Protection Engineer, OFM
Recent amendments have resulted in a new edition of the Fire Code expected to be published next year, incorporating editorial clarifications, minor technical revisions and a new Retrofit section for Care Occupancies.

BIOGRAPHY: Mr. Gord Yoshida , Fire Protection Engineer
EMPLOYMENT:

September 1982 to present - OFFICE OF THE ONTARIO FIRE MARSHAL

Fire Protection Engineer

Review building construction drawings in Plan Review Program for conformance with Ontario Building Code for public schools, universities and colleges.
Provide technical and inspection reports and expert testimony for Fire Safety Commission hearings.
Assist in fire investigations involving loss of life and property and review performance of building fire safety features under fire conditions.
Provide technical information and opinion as expert witness at Coroner's inquests, Civil and Criminal Court.
Conduct teaching seminars and lectures on practical application and intent of Fire Code requirements for municipal fire service personnel and other associations.
Provide opinion re: Ontario Fire Code requirements and general fire safety matters to fire service personnel and the public.
Develop and implement amendments to the Ontario Fire Code.
Promote excellent working relationship between provincial and municipal levels of government with regard to fire safety matters.

Current committee responsibilities include:

Chairman: CSA-B365 Installation Code for Solid-Fuel-Burning Appliances and Equipment

Member: CSA-JB100 Strategic Steering Committee on Fuel Burning Equipment

Member: CSA-B366.1 Solid-Fuel Fired Central Heating Appliances
Member: CSA-JB118 Technical Committee on Residential Depressurization
Member: ULC-S627 Space Heaters for Use with Solid Fuels
Member: ULC-S628 Fireplace Inserts and Accessories
Member: TSSA Working Group on Firefighters' Elevators
Member: TSSA Working Group on "Guidelines for the Distribution of Natural Gas in Multi-Family Buildings"

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

University: B.A.Sc., Civil Engineering; University of Toronto, 1971-1975
Secondary: Honours Graduation Diploma, Oakwood Collegiate Institute, Toronto, Ontario, 1966-1971
Other Training: Ontario Building Code Part 3 (Ministry of Housing)
Ontario Building Code Part 11 (Ministry of Housing)
OBC Fire Protection 2006
OBC General Legal/Process for Inspectors/Designers 2006
Fire Arson Investigation Course (Solicitor General)

ASSOCIATIONS

Member: Professional Engineers Ontario
Member: Professional Engineers of the Government of Ontario

BIOGRAPHY: Mr. Tony Crimi, President