



Risk Management Tips for Municipal Building Departments

Moderator(s): Geno Vanhaelewyn

DATE: Monday, September 30th, 2024 TIME: 1:40 pm

LOCATION: Salon H,J

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

DESCRIPTION: Marianne and Alison will bring you up to date on the latest claims against Municipalities, highlight red flags, and provide risk management tips for Building Departments.

BIOGRAPHY: Alison Orr, P.Eng., CBCO

Alison Orr and Marianne Brown are Professional Engineers, designated Consulting Engineers, and Certified Building Code Officials, with Orr Brown Consulting Engineers Ltd., and are long standing members of the OBOA.

They graduated from McMaster University in the Civil Engineering department and immediately began their careers as building officials in 1994 with the City of Hamilton, first as building inspectors, then as building engineers. Alison left the City to join an engineering consulting firm, where she became involved in the investigation of collapses, failures, and the evaluation of buildings damaged by fire, impact, and weather events. She also provided opinions related to Standard of Care of municipal building officials. Marianne stayed with the City for 13 years until 2007, in the roles of Chief Building Engineer, and then finally Manager of Building Construction, after which she joined Alison in consulting. Marianne is presently the Alternate Chair of the Standing Committee for

Housing and Small Buildings, which assesses code changes to Part 9 of the National Building Code of Canada.

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