ONTARIO BUILDING CODE CHANGES: Houses, Retirement Homes, and Electric Vehicle Charging

The changes to the Ontario Building Code arising from Ontario Regulation 139/17 came into effect on July 1, 2017 and January 1, 2018.

Alek Antoniuk, former Code Development Manager at the Building Development Branch, has presented the changes related to *Houses*, Retirement Homes, and Electric Vehicle Charging at seminars in Brampton, Richmond Hill, Kitchener, Niagara Falls, and Orangeville. The seminar covers the following topics:

Houses - (came into effect on July 1, 2017)

- Background Ontario's Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy
- Administrative & Transition Provisions
- Definition of a "House" What is a house and how many dwelling units are in a house?
- Technical Changes for New Construction
- Implications for By-law Enforcement
- Part 11 Changes
- Building Permit Time Frames
- Qualifications of "Various Persons"

Retirement Homes - (came into effect on July 1, 2017)

- Background the Retirement Homes Act
- Administrative & Transition Provisions
- Definition & Classification
- Building Permit Time Frames, Occupancy & General Review
- Technical Changes for New Construction
- Part 10 & 11 Changes
- Unintended Consequences Do barrier-free requirements apply?

Electric Vehicle Charging - (came into effect on January 1, 2018)

- Background Climate Change Action Plan
- Administrative & Transition Provisions
- What is electric vehicle supply equipment?
- Electric Vehicle Charging Systems for "Part 3" and "Part 9" Buildings
- Ontario Electrical Code Provisions
- Inspection Issues
- Questions & Answers prepared by the Building & Development Branch
- Additional amendments in O. Reg. 563/17
- Latest Ministry Updates issued on March 8, 2018

On Wednesday, March 21, 2018, the roadshow is coming to the Golden Triangle Chapter of the OBOA.

