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### APEGBC Developing Technical Bulletin for Mid-Rise Wood Frame Residential Construction

VANCOUVER – The Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC (APEGBC) is working with the support of government to develop guidance on engineering practice issues related to six-storey wood-frame residential construction building projects.

The Office of Housing and Construction Standards adopted new BC Building Code requirements to increase the maximum building height for mid-rise wood-frame residential construction from four to six storeys. This change to the Building Code is effective April 6, 2009.

The Office of Housing and Construction Standards carried out a public consultation process and engaged professional engineers and others in the process of considering these revisions to the BC Building Code. APEGBC and the Architectural Institute of BC (AIBC) provided a detailed joint submission to the Office of Housing and Construction regarding the proposed amendments to the Building Code.

APEGBC received funding from the provincial government to develop a technical bulletin which would provide guidance on structural, fire protection and building envelope engineering design issues, and has engaged professional engineering practitioners from the relevant disciplines in its development. The bulletin will provide professional engineers in BC with sources of information and design techniques so that professional engineering practice in this area addresses the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Founded in 1920, APEGBC is the regulatory and licensing body for the professions of engineering and geoscience. With over 25,000 members, APEGBC is one of the largest professional associations in BC and maintains high academic, experience and professional practice standards. APEGBC members deliver real world solutions to meet the technological and social challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

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