

## **Project 5 – Consistent Code Compliance and Enforcement Processes**

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### **Rationale**

Enforcement of compliance with codes achieves building safety. When compliance enforcement activities are poorly coordinated or reduced, or do not focus on higher-risk areas, code compliance and ultimately building safety may be compromised. Regulatory processes that vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, such as permitting and inspection, can create inefficiency and delays in building projects and increase costs. The regulation of professional involvement in building construction, where it exists, is confusing and poorly coordinated, with definition of professional roles and responsibilities divided among codes and regulations, professional statutes, and bylaws enacted by professional bodies.

### **Purpose and Scope**

This project is intended to improve compliance with standards for building safety and to establish more efficient, predictable regulatory processes. This will involve:

- Clarifying accountabilities for code compliance and enforcement
- Developing options that address the need for risk-based third-party enforcement, with meaningful consequences for non-compliance
- Determining how to bring more consistency and coordination to processes for:
  - Enforcing code compliance
  - Regulating professional involvement in building construction

Project outcomes will:

- Recognize the importance of third-party oversight
- Establish processes that attend to risk consistently at critical points, at regional or province-wide levels
- Balance the need for consistency with the need for flexibility

Code compliance enforcement by the provincial government will not be a project outcome.

### **Overview of Project Plan**

- Formation of working group
- Development of options and discussion paper by working group
- Broad consultation on discussion paper
- Development, implementation and evaluation of pilot projects
- Recommendations to Minister
- This process will address:
  - Code Enforcement Accountabilities
  - Consistent Enforcement Processes
  - Coordinated Framework for Regulation of Professional Involvement in Building Construction
  - Sanctions for Non-Compliance

### **Stakeholder Participation**

- Formation of working group of local government representatives and industry representatives
- Broad consultation with system participants on discussion paper on the four major project components