

150 Laurier Avenue W.
Suite 500
Ottawa, Ontario
K1P 5J4

T. 613 230 3060
F. 613 232 8214
E. chba@chba.ca
W. www.chba.ca

**Canadian
Home Builders'
Association**



**Association canadienne
des constructeurs
d'habitations**

November 12, 2007

Bruce Clemmensen, Chair
Canadian Commission on Building and Fire Codes
c/o Anne Gribbon, Acting Secretary
Canadian Codes Centre / National Research Council
Building M-23A
1200 Montreal Road
Ottawa Ontario K1A 0R6

Dear Mr. Clemmensen:

I am writing to request the opportunity to address the CCBFC Executive at its upcoming meeting in Montreal on November 27-28, 2007.

The CHBA is concerned about recent provincial code initiatives. The Province of British Columbia is proceeding with the development of a green building code while Nova Scotia has passed legislation to adopt a score of 80 on the Energuide for New Houses energy efficiency rating scale as a regulation. Both Ontario and New Brunswick are considering similar action, despite the fact that Energuide was never intended to be a regulatory instrument.

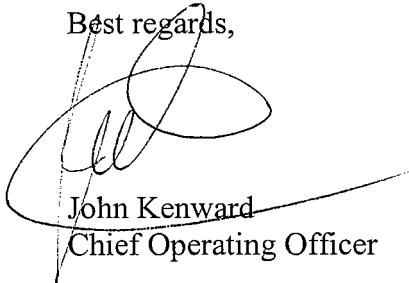
These actions raise important questions about provincial commitment to the National Code Development Process and the disciplined approach to research and consultation that underpins it. There have been statements made to the effect that the National process is too slow and this appears to be used as a justification for avoiding the CCBFC.

This matter appears to fit most appropriately under item 25.5 – Preliminary Discussion of Topics to be Addressed at the Joint Executive Committee / PTPACC Meeting, although it could be a separate agenda item.

On another matter, we hope that you will be able to respond to our President's letter of April 18th on the need for a disciplined approach for considering the adoption of new Code objectives.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,



John Kenward
Chief Operating Officer