

Presentation Title: “Mid-Rise Combustible Construction in Ontario”

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Since graduating from McMaster University in 1994, Joyanne has enjoyed work in both the public and private sectors. She started her career with the City of Hamilton as a house plans examiner, then worked in the private sector, first as a construction project manager and later as a building code consultant. Joyanne returned to the City of Hamilton in 2008, bringing her valued experience and knowledge of the building industry to her current role as Building Engineer, of which she is responsible for reviewing and issuing building permits primarily for Part 3 buildings.

The Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs introduced mid-rise combustible construction into the Ontario Building Code (OBC) as of January 1, 2015. The City of Hamilton issued the first new mid-rise combustible building (a 6-storey hotel) in Ontario in the spring of 2015. Joyanne will speak to the OBC requirements to allow mid-rise construction in Ontario, as well as the lessons learned during construction of this project from a plans examiner and building inspector perspective.