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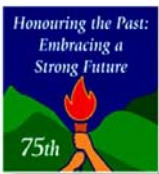
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### **Good News Report: CIPH meets with Province of Alberta**

On March 17<sup>th</sup>, CIPH was successful in meeting face-to-face with key Alberta officials relating to the issues surrounding the recent adoption of Section 9.32.3.8 of the NBC in that province. Prior to the meeting Ivan Moore, Assistant Deputy Minister at Alberta Municipal Affairs, shared that he felt the issue was “not insoluble.” The meeting included key staff in the building, plumbing, and gas disciplines, along with J. Bourque (CIPH), S. Leonard (Alberta PIAC rep), and B. Cunningham (Alberta CHC rep). CIPH anticipates a new interpretative Standata will be issued that will clarify the use of mechanically-vented equipment. CIPH is taking the issue even further for its members by submitting some potential alternate solutions (sometimes referred to as variances) to be considered by Alberta’s Building Technical Council. If approved, these alternate solutions would be province-wide interpretations and prevent CIPH members from having to submit municipal alternate solutions. This is rarely done, but CIPH feels it is necessary to provide clarity and options to our members and inspectors in the field.

As well, CIPH has worked with the Canadian Home Builders Association to submit a code change request to the Standing Committee on Houses and Small Buildings (known as Part 9), requesting that the term “mechanical vented” be altered to not create similar situations in other provinces. The Standing Committee is anticipated to review this request at their April meeting in Halifax, NS. J. Bourque will be attending the meeting to answer any questions.

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