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International Code Council Earns Accreditation to Develop Canadian National Standards

Contributing to the development of Canadian standards underscores the International Code Council's mission to advance global building safety

Washington, D.C. – The International Code Council is the latest standards developing organization (SDO) to receive accreditation from the Standards Council of Canada (SCC). As a global leader in providing building safety solutions, the International Code Council joins a select group of organizations that contribute to the development of National Standards of Canada for the benefit of Canadians.

"This accreditation by SCC marks a significant milestone in our journey to provide our stakeholders options and enhance our ability to achieve our mission of safety, sustainability and affordability through building science," said International Code Council Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims, CBO. "It reinforces our commitment to providing the information, tools, and resources that our members rely on, building safety professionals turn to, and the public trusts."

The International Code Council has an established presence in Canada, with three provincial building associations having chapter status and many Canadian building safety professionals participating in Code Council membership councils and accessing Code Council training. The ICC Conformity Assessment Group also has a long history of activity in Canada, facilitating North American harmonization and market access efforts for manufacturers, testing laboratories and other facilities through the accreditation of the ICC Evaluation Service to certify product listings to Canadian standards.

Additionally, the organization has increasingly collaborated with Canadian standards developers to create harmonized standards in areas of mutual interest, including the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) to update and publish the CSA ICC 805 Rainwater Harvesting Systems Standard. The International Code Council also works closely with Accessibility Standards Canada to develop national accessibility rules for buildings based on the ICC A117.1-2017 Standard for Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities.

"We are thrilled to welcome the International Code Council as our newest accredited SDO," said Elias Rafoul, SCC Vice-President, Accreditation Services Branch. "By accrediting organizations like the International Code Council, we ensure that industry, government, and consumers are provided with standards that meet their specific needs. Our accreditation program, guided by internationally recognized best practices and Canadian principles, guarantees equal access, diverse representation, and transparent development processes."

View the Standards Council of Canada's SDO membership directory here.

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About the International Code Council

The <u>International Code Council</u> is the leading global source of model codes and standards and building safety solutions. Code Council codes, standards and solutions are used to ensure safe, affordable and sustainable communities and buildings worldwide.

About the Standards Council of Canada

Since 1970, the <u>Standards Council of Canada</u> (SCC) has helped make life safer, healthier, more prosperous and sustainable for people, communities and businesses in Canada through the power of standardization. SCC works with a vast network of partners nationally and around the world, acting as Canada's voice on standards and accreditation on the international stage, including as a member of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC). As the country's leading accreditation organization, SCC creates market confidence at home and abroad by ensuring conformity assessment bodies meet the highest expectations. In all these ways, SCC opens a world of possibilities.