

Public Review on Code Changes Now OPEN

Code Change Review - the Canadian Board for Harmonized Construction Codes (CBHCC) has posted a public review of proposed changes for inclusion in the 2025 editions of the national model construction codes. As Manitoba is limited in its ability to amend the national codes due to commitments under the Canadian Free Trade Agreement, affected code users are encouraged to participate in code development at the national level. . Proposed changes affect a number of key areas, including:

1. alterations to existing buildings
2. greenhouse gas emissions
3. radon
4. airtightness
5. accessibility – illumination levels and projection of protruding building elements
6. building envelope – thermal bridging and insulation
7. building fire safety
8. climatic loads
9. combustible construction – fire protection and safety
10. encapsulated mass timber construction
11. HVAC equipment efficiency
12. large farm buildings
13. hazardous materials and activities
14. plumbing materials and equipment
15. fire protection
16. use and egress
17. penetrations
18. prescriptive trade-off path
19. vegetated roof assemblies
20. windows, doors and skylights
21. environmental separation standards
22. lighting
23. fenestration – thermal characteristics

This year's fall public review of proposed changes to the 2020 National Model Codes is now open and the Canadian Board for Harmonized Construction Codes (CBHCC) encourages your participation in the review.

The proposed changes included in this public review address various topics in the National Building Code of Canada, the National Plumbing Code of Canada, the National Fire Code of Canada, and the National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings. Code users and interested parties are invited to visit the [CBHCC's website](#), examine the proposed changes, and provide feedback.

The public review runs until December 18, 2023. The review period is an opportunity for all Canadians to participate in the code development process.

After the review period closes, members of the relevant code development committees will review the comments received and make recommendations on the proposed changes. If approved, the code changes will be included in the 2025 editions of the National Model Codes.