

# MuniNews

*“MuniCode Services Ltd. strives to preserve life; every person, of any capacity, has the right to be safe in any structure”*

## Deck Season

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## *MuniCode Services: proven leaders in code compliance, but equally important is service.*

Members of *MuniCode Services* have been at the forefront of our provincial growth for the past 30+ years. Knowing municipal needs, construction requirements and a thorough working knowledge of codes, acts, regulations and by-laws has established *MuniCode* as a leader in the industry.

However, equally important to working knowledge and experience, is the fact that we live and raise our families in these communities. Supporting our communities and those surrounding, by ensuring safe building practices are adhered to, are incredibly important to our team.

Building Officials are not simply arriving to a work site, walking through and leaving. Knowing the builders, understanding what the owner is trying to achieve, representing municipalities with confidence, care and integrity are integral components to a professional Building Official Team.

This type of success is not possible without an experienced, professional Administration Team. *MuniCode* is fortunate to have full time administration members who are knowledgeable to municipal procedures and responsive to the needs of those who contact our office.

## Building Officials

- Wayne Meier President, Class 3 lic., CRBO, Technologist and Journeyman Carpenter.
- Clayton Meier Manager, Class 3 lic., with focus on Code interpretation & applications.
- Darrell Saby Class 3 lic., CRBO, Jrnymn Crptr, previous Chief Bldg. Off. in B.C.
- Ryan Thiessen R-Class 3 lic., with focus on Code interpretation & applications.



Construction growth is expected to continue for another five years...  
*“BuildForce Canada”*. – *Construction and Maintenance Looking Forward Saskatchewan*

## Deck Season is upon us

Although the National Building Code does not always require treated wood to be applied to structures greater than 150 mm above grade, pressure treated lumber for deck construction is a popular construction method. Recent changes to the treating process of lumber, has greatly increased the risk to using improper connection and fastening components.

Chemicals used to treat wood members will have negative effects to incompatible materials such as hangers, screws, nails, etc. Using fastener components not specifically designed for treated wood will cause early corrosion and may lead to premature failure of supporting members.

When using hangers with treated materials, the hangers are to be galvanized or stainless steel with attaching hardware recommended by the supplier or manufacturer (ie. Hot-dipped galvanized, Stainless Steel nails or Strong-Drive connector screws). Equally important, the installer must take special care to not damage or install damaged components because if the coatings are compromised during the installation, then the corrosion process may be expedited and lead to premature failure.

This applies to any application of treated wood members; treated ladders in foundations, decks, beams, wood foundations, etc. Standard common nails or lightly coated screws will have increased corrosion effects when applied in treated wood applications.



### Discussion Topic:

**Who's responsible to ensure the project is code compliant?**

*The Municipality?  
The Building Official?  
The Contractor?*

It is the owners responsibility to ensure all the appropriate permits are acquired. It is the owners responsibility to ensure all required inspections are scheduled and any deficiencies found throughout the process are corrected.

*"The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act"*

**What if:** a home owner is hosting a party on the new deck? The deck was constructed with no permit, no experience or qualified direction. The owner chose to not call for an inspection. During the event the deck fails and several friends and family members are injured or worse...

Who would be responsible?



With an extensive filing and recording system in combination to our custom, electronic data and reporting program, *MuniCode Services Ltd.*, has the ability to pull detailed history on projects or save the future project details for years to come for reference at any given time.

## Construction in Saskatchewan

...Saskatchewan is a thriving and vibrant place, filled with a new sense of identity and purpose.

...We have a strong and growing manufacturing sector...

*"Mark Cooper, MBA, PMP - President and CEO - Saskatchewan Construction Association" - Website Blog*