

Building Officials

Wayne Meier	President, Class 3 licence
Clayton Meier	Manager, Class 3 licence
Ryan Thiessen	R-Class 3 licence
Travis Elkin	R-Class 3 licence
Shenah Cartier,	T-Class 1 licence
P.Eng.	



From left to right: Ryan Thiessen, Leanne Stianson (Office Manager), Loris Kosmyinka, Shenah Cartier, Tina Stephenson, Clayton Meier, Travis Elkin

Thank you for nominating us for the Business and Customer Service of the year awards!

MuniCode Services Ltd. would like to thank the residents of Warman and Martensville for nominating our team for the Chamber of Commerce Business and Customer Service of the Year awards. *MuniCode* strives to provide quality service to over 40 municipalities across the province and these nominations are a great recognition of our hard work and dedication.

For over 20 years *MuniCode* has been assisting municipal governments in the enforcement of the Building and Fire Code requirements through plan review and inspections. We also work with building owners, health boards and architectural and engineering firms to provide consulting services for new and existing buildings.

MuniCode continues to grow and transform as a company in order to offer a high level of service to all clients in the ever-changing construction industry.

Welcome to the Team, Shenah

Please join us in welcoming Shenah Cartier to *MuniCode*. Before joining the team in 2017, Shenah worked for over four years at a structural consulting engineering firm in Saskatoon and gained extensive experience in residential construction along with commercial projects, including the Warman Co-op.

Shenah received her degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Saskatchewan in 2012 and her Professional Engineering designation in 2016. Throughout her schooling, she was awarded the SaskTel Métis Scholarship as well as the Wally and Mavis Pieczonka Bursary, for academic achievement. Shenah is also a member of the Saskatoon Construction Association Young Executives Committee.



Construction Obligations in Your Community

In this issue of *MuniNews* we will discuss Duty of Care and Municipal Autonomy and how using an Alternate Compliance Model (ACM) can have adverse affects to construction safety standards in our province.

In a response to the Government of Saskatchewan's proposal of the ACM, the Saskatchewan Building Official Association (SBOA) addressed many items that the organization feels adversely affects the provincial construction industry.

What is Duty of Care?

"A legal obligation to avoid causing harm or injury to others. A breach of duty of care can give rise to a liability to pay compensation to a person who has thereby suffered damage."¹

When determined that duty of care is not maintained, it is considered to be a negligent act. But who is liable for this negligence?

Currently the Government of Saskatchewan has licence requirements for all building officials in the province with examinations that must be adhered to. These building officials assist the municipalities in the province to ensure that compliance with the National Building Code is maintained, however potential changes to The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act (UBAS) could reduce autonomy to municipalities.

Why is Municipal Autonomy Important?

As per The UBAS Act, local authorities/municipalities can appoint a building official to assist in enforcing building standards for that municipality.

Municipalities can exercise their right of autonomy by means of adopting more stringent standards and processes for enforcement. If another form of building compliance is adopted, like the ACM, which limits the involvement that a municipality has during construction, how is the municipality able to maintain their duty of care?

¹ <https://www.claytonutz.com/knowledge>

***MuniCode* will be at SUMA February 5-8 in Saskatoon. Stop by our booth (shown above) for your chance to win tickets to a Rider game and a one-night stay in Regina!**

Coming up in the Spring 2017 newsletter we will further discuss:

ACM and How it Affects Our Province and Municipalities

If you have any questions or comments we would love to hear from you! Email service@municode.ca and your question could be featured in this newsletter.