

FONOM

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

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Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Office of the Minister
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto, ON
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Dear Minister,

Re: Resolution opposing the requalification of Municipal Building Officials

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) does not support the requalification of Municipal Building Officials under the Ontario Regulation 332/12 and the Ontario Building Code.

FONOM expresses its concern with regulation 332/12, which requires all municipal building officials to undertake a series of requalification exams. This regulation does not take into consideration many of the challenges faced by northern and rural municipalities.

Although there is recognition that ongoing training is necessary, the requalification process will see municipalities faced with added financial pressures in terms of registration costs, mileage costs, days away from the office to undertake their regular duties in performing timely inspections. It is important to note that builders and home owners will also suffer as a result of slower response time for building permits and inspections.

It has been suggested that any amendments to the Ontario Building Code include training opportunities rather than requalification exams.

FONOM would be pleased to work with your ministry on this matter, should you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



Alan Spacek
President