



Commentary-Maurice Vialette – VP Underwriting, WOODsure

With all the discussion around requirements for authenticating documents the topic quite often turns to a question of liability. Usually, are municipalities asking for sealed documents to avoid any liability.

Although the replacement STANDATA has yet been kicked down the road again until 2025, truss companies and structural component lumber suppliers should be taking a good look at their Errors and Omissions liabilities to ensure that their insurance coverage is appropriate whether they are practicing engineering or not.

I have asked Connie Rowley and Maurice Vialette to put together the following article on Errors and Omissions.

Ensuring Excellence: Professional Liability (E&O) Coverage for In-House Design Professionals

In the dynamic world of designing and manufacturing structural components be it trusses, prefab walls, joists etc. owners should ask themselves, is my company financially exposed if a building owner claims the product, we supplied failed to meet design standards (*whether actual or alleged*). If one day a Notice of Claim arrives by courier at your office, it is a given that legal costs are going to be incurred, and, depending on the severity of the structural failure these expenses can run into the tens of thousands of dollars. All too often, whenever a building collapses or the owner simply contends that an error in the construction process occurred, companies involved in supplying structural components, constructing, or having engineered or managed the build are likely to all be named in a claim and forced to defend themselves.

With the above in mind, the WWTA is proud to support our industry partner – WOODsure Insurance and their specialized insurance program designed specifically for the wooden structural components industry which includes Professional Liability (Errors & Omissions (E&O) coverage).

The importance of Professional Liability / E&O

Regardless of whether or not it is a jurisdictional requirement, E&O insurance satisfies two important needs being: defense expenses, and eventual indemnity if indeed a design failure somehow occurred. Without E&O coverage, companies could face debilitating financial losses, in particular, if there was an actual design error, and to what degree the involved structure was affected.



Why Choose the WOODsure Insurance program?

The WOODsure Insurance program, which was tailored specifically for the manufacturers of wooden structural components automatically includes protection from both frivolous and real E&O claims without the need to purchase a separate professional liability policy. Stand-alone E&O policies can be prohibitively expensive or difficult to secure, often deterring companies from securing adequate protection. However, WOODsure integrates this crucial need into a broader insurance solution, delivering peace of mind for WWTAA members. For WWTAA member companies also having operations in Ontario, WOODsure ensures that the jurisdictional requirements of Bill 124 regarding limits and deductibles for E&O are satisfied as well.

Key Benefits of the WOODsure E&O Coverage:

1. **Comprehensive Protection:** The policy covers a wide range of professional services including, preparation or approval of plans, opinions, reports, surveys, field orders, change orders or drawings or specifications, as well as supervisory, inspection, architectural, design or **engineering services**.
2. **Affordability:** By bundling E&O coverage with other essential insurance coverages, the WOODsure package provides a cost-effective alternative to stand-alone policies, making it accessible for businesses of all sizes.
3. **Industry-Specific Solutions:** Unlike generic insurance policies, WOODsure is crafted with the specific needs of the wooden structural components industry in mind, ensuring that coverage is relevant and effective.
4. **Support from Experts:** Access to a network of insurance professionals who understand the intricacies of the wooden structural components industry, offering tailored advice and support.

Enhancing Professional Confidence and Business Stability

In an industry where precision and reliability are non-negotiable, the WOODsure program with its Professional Liability coverage stands as another layer of protection and a vital safeguard for companies with in-house design professionals. Cost effective and tailored to your needs, this not only protects your business stability, but also empowers your team to achieve excellence.

For more information on the WOODsure Program, contact Connie Rowley, SVP of Wood Products Manufacturing. connie@woodsurre.ca or 416-891-3174.



If you have an idea for a commentary or would like to submit your own commentary for a future newsletter please let me know at dave@wwta.ab.ca

Economic Update

In Alberta, urban housing starts totaled 4113 in May 2024, a year-over-year increase of 33%. Canadian housing starts increased by 38.74% over the same period. Edmonton had a strong month with a 113% increase compared to May 2023, and Calgary was actually slightly down by 3.85%. Housing starts in Alberta were up from 3816 the previous month of April 2024.

Housing Starts Alberta						
	May-24	May-23	% Change	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	% Change
Alberta	4113	3090	33.11%	17673	11646	51.75%
Edmonton	1830	858	113.29%	6973	4112	69.58%
Calgary	1996	2076	-3.85%	9212	6867	34.15%
Red Deer	12	27	-55.56%	269	88	205.68%
Grande Prairie	29	9	222.22%	82	32	156.25%
Lethbridge	58	1	5700.00%	257	51	403.92%
Wood Buffalo	1	1	0.00%	4	9	-55.56%
Whitehorse*	N/A	N/A	#VALUE!	N/A	N/A	#VALUE!
Canada	21652	15606	38.74%	89527	79635	12.42%

*Whitehorse Starts are for the quarter, statistics are not available monthly.

Housing Starts by Dwelling Type (Centres 10K+)

	MAY-24	MAY-23	YTD-24	YTD-23
Single	1,359	1,026	5,426	3,982
Semi-detached	323	305	1,452	1,053
Row	478	463	2,398	1,957
Apartment	1,953	1,296	8,397	4,654
Total	4,113	3,090	17,673	11,646



Standing tall: Home construction continues hot pace in May

Siddhartha Bhattacharya, ATB ECONOMICS | June 19, 2024

Last week, we found out that [residential permits in Alberta made a big splash in April](#). It’s a similar story for housing starts as they continue to springboard through the first five months of 2024.

Housing starts in Alberta stood at 48,185 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in May, up 32% from the same month last year.

Despite some month-to-month volatility, starts have been trending up and have hit at least 40,000 units (annualized) each month since August. The last time Alberta had a run like this was during the **2007** housing boom.

Averaging 45,107 units year-to-date (YTD), starts were up by 53% from the first five months of 2023 with strong gains in both single (+36%) and multi-units (+60%). Regionally, Edmonton (+69% YTD) has been leading the charge since the end of last year while starts have risen 35% in Calgary.

Alberta’s new housing market remains the hottest in the country, responsible for about two-thirds of the YTD national increase. If you took Alberta out of the mix, national starts were up a modest 4.1%.

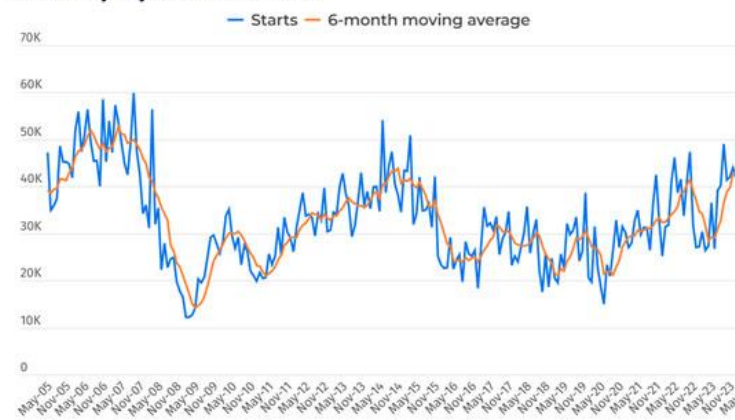
It is, however, important to note that the province continues to face a [shortage of skilled workers](#) with job vacancy rates still above pre-COVID levels in the construction sector and that this may be holding back an even hotter pace of new construction.

Looking ahead, we expect residential construction activity to remain healthy as

Housing starts in Alberta

Seasonally adjusted annual rate

ATB Economic



Source: Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and ATB Economics

population growth continues to fuel demand. As mentioned in our [latest economic outlook](#) released yesterday, housing starts in Alberta are expected to average close to 43,000 units this year and in 2025. Home construction is one of the key factors, along with rising energy production, pushing Alberta’s forecast of real GDP growth ahead of the national average.



ATB Alberta Economic Outlook

Alberta's economy is poised to regain its stride in the second half of 2024 and 2025 driven by improved market access for energy, stronger home construction, and continued expansions in emerging sectors. At the same time, households and businesses will continue to feel the drag from previous interest rate hikes and higher costs. The improvement comes after the provincial economy lost momentum last year amid higher interest rates, a slowdown in the energy sector, and drought-related declines in agriculture activity.

According to our latest [Alberta Economic Outlook](#), Alberta's real GDP is forecast to expand by 2.5% in 2024 and 2.7% in 2025, outpacing national growth.

Several factors are set to shape Alberta's economic landscape in 2024 and 2025:

Long-awaited market access enables production gains - 2024 is a breakthrough year for market access in Alberta's energy sector. After years of constraints, oil producers finally have additional pipeline egress as the Trans Mountain Pipeline Expansion (TMX) entered commercial operations in May. Coastal GasLink provides egress for natural gas producers. We see significant improvements to energy production over the next two years, propelling GDP growth

Inflation headwinds remain, but easing on rate pivot - While inflation and past interest rate hikes will continue to weigh, the tide is slowly turning. The Bank of Canada's shift towards rate normalisation is expected to continue with further cuts this year and next. These moves are anticipated to bolster confidence and support consumer spending and housing activity in the second half of 2024 and 2025.

Catch-up construction, as population soars - While easing from last year's record, robust population growth will continue to drive Alberta's housing activity and spending. Relative housing affordability is expected to encourage continued inflows from other provinces, albeit at a slower rate. The resurgence in home construction stands as a pivotal driver of Alberta's economic improvement in 2024.

Not your typical expansion - Alberta's economic expansion is not the result of the typical energy investment boom. Growth is broadening across multiple sectors as oil and gas investment remains on a lower track. These sectors include hydrogen, technology, biofuels, food manufacturing, carbon capture, aviation and petrochemicals, building on resource strengths and greater emphasis on emissions reduction.

Homebuyers Responding to Rate Cut-Global News

The first [interest rate](#) cut from the [Bank of Canada](#) in more than four years will not be enough to help most prospective homebuyers feeling sidelined by high borrowing costs, new polling suggests.



The [Ipsos](#) poll conducted exclusively for Global News after the Bank of Canada’s 25-basis-point rate cut on June 5 shows pessimism about [housing affordability](#) persists. “What Canadians are saying to us here is, 25 basis points is just a drop in the ocean,” says Sean Simpson, senior vice-president at Ipsos Global Affairs.

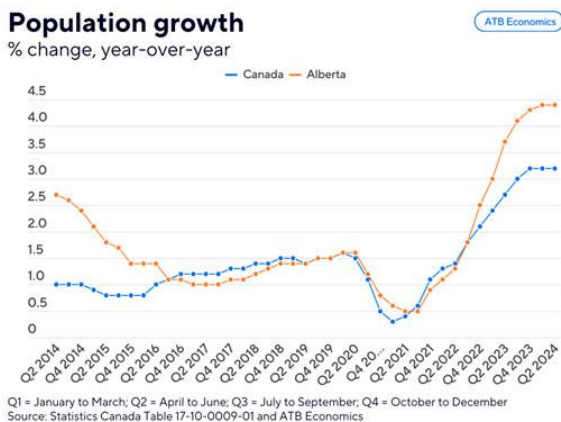
Just over six in 10 respondents (63 per cent) to the polls said they’ll remain on the sidelines of the housing market due to high interest rates. More than 1,000 Canadians aged 18 and older were interviewed online between June 7-10.

Among those who don’t own a home, some six per cent said interest rates would have to drop by less than one percentage point for them to consider buying a property. One in four said they’d need to see cuts of between one and 3.99 percentage points to get into the market, while 10 per cent said they needed steeper drops to make home ownership a possibility.

People Continue to Flock to Alberta

Population growth continues to run hot. Alberta’s population stood at 4.85 million as of April 1, 2024, up 49,140 in the first quarter for an increase of 1.0%.

Interprovincial inflows show few signs of slowing, as people continue to move to Alberta from the rest of Canada. Alberta gained 12,480 people (on a net basis) from other provinces and territories in the first quarter of 2024. This was the 11th quarter in a row in which Alberta’s population grew from interprovincial migration, a turnaround from quarterly losses that marked the period between mid-2015 and mid-2021.



Where are people coming from? Primarily B.C. and Ontario, a similar story to previous quarters. Alberta gained 8,980 from those two provinces last quarter.

Over the latest one-year period (April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024), 53,400 people were added from other provinces.

Here is an interesting article on why people are moving from B.C. to Alberta from Jack Mintz. [angry-bc-voters-mull-moving-next-door](#)



US Single-family Housing Starts Fall in May

Privately-owned housing starts in May were at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,277,000. This is 5.5 percent below the revised April estimate of 1,352,000 and is 19.3 percent below the May 2023 rate of 1,583,000. Single-family housing starts in May were at a rate of 982,000; this is 5.2 percent below the revised April figure of 1,036,000. The May rate for units in buildings with five units or more was 278,000.

Lumber

Lumber prices bounced back above \$500 per thousand board feet from an eight-month low of \$484 on June 13th, boosted by optimistic US and Canadian data. In the week ending June 14, 2024, the average interest rate for 30-year fixed-rate mortgages with conforming loan balances dropped sharply to 6.94% from 7.02%, hitting its lowest point since late March amid falling Treasury yields after US inflation came in below expectations. Meanwhile, housing starts in Canada surged 10% to 264,506 units in May 2024, the highest level since October 2023, surpassing expectations of 247,000 units. Additionally, the total value of Canadian building permits in April 2024 spiked 20.5% month-on-month to \$12.8 billion, the largest increase since May 2020, rebounding strongly from a 12.3% decline in March and far exceeding the anticipated 2.2% rise, lifting the outlook for wood and housing construction materials.



Canfor cancels investment, as NDP efforts to improve access to fibre haven't succeeded.

[Vaughn Palmer: B.C. NDP seems out of touch with forestry woes | Vancouver Sun](#)



Quality Control

Management Involvement in a Quality Control Management System.

A not-so-wise man once said "You don't need to be a mechanic to drive the car" which may be the case, but you do need to know how the car works, that your car needs to be serviced appropriately, cleaned, safety compliant, and whoever is driving that car may lead you to a horrific and expensive crash, potentially leading to the suspension or revocation of your licence.

Years ago, I had a conversation with a truss plant owner about how their quality control was. He said "Great, we have very few complaints and when we do we drop everything to fix it."

Later when we took a quick tour of his plant, I asked him "how do the workers know where to place the plates?" As there were no laser systems or joint details on the drawings. He wasn't quite sure.

Any Quality Management System is only as good as the management commitment to ensuring it's success. That is why senior management should be directly involved in the oversight of it.

It is clear that the cost of a good QMS is not much more than a bad one, so don't wait until you get regulated, or you have a critical failure, do not be a passenger in your QMS, take action and LEAD.

Senior management cannot say "I didn't know" without digging a deeper hole if there is ever an issue. Ignorance of Q.C. requirements is no saving grace.

So... how can you, as a senior manager, be more involved in your QMS?

1. Establishing a Quality Culture

- **Leadership Commitment:** Demonstrate a strong commitment to quality by prioritizing it in decision-making processes and strategic planning.
- **Communication:** Regularly communicate the importance of quality to all employees through meetings, newsletters, and other internal communication channels.

2. Setting Clear Quality Objectives

- **Define Goals:** Establish clear, measurable quality objectives aligned with the company's overall goals.
- **Performance Metrics:** Implement key performance indicators (KPIs) to monitor quality performance and progress towards objectives.

3. Providing Resources and Training



- **Training Programs:** Invest in training and development programs to enhance employees' skills and knowledge related to quality management.
- **Resource Allocation:** Ensure that adequate resources, including tools, equipment, and personnel, are allocated to support quality initiatives.

4. Implementing Quality Management Systems

- **Adopt Standards:** Implement recognized quality management systems such as CSA S349:20 to standardize processes and practices.
- **Continuous Improvement:** Foster a culture of continuous improvement by regularly reviewing and improving quality processes and systems.

5. Engaging in Quality Audits and Reviews

- **Internal Audits:** Participate in internal quality audits to assess compliance with quality standards and identify areas for improvement. Participate in scheduled internal truss inspections.
- **Management Reviews:** Conduct regular management reviews to evaluate the effectiveness of the quality management system and make necessary adjustments. Review the Quality Manual at least annually.

6. Encouraging Employee Involvement

- **Empowerment:** Empower employees at all levels to take ownership of quality and encourage them to identify and report quality issues.
- **Recognition Programs:** Recognize and reward employees for their contributions to quality improvement initiatives.

7. Supporting Corrective and Preventive Actions

- **Problem-Solving:** Get involved in problem-solving activities to address quality issues and implement corrective actions. Participate in Quality Control meetings.
- **Preventive Measures:** Support the implementation of preventive measures to avoid the recurrence of quality problems.

8. Promoting Customer Focus

- **Customer Feedback:** Actively seek and analyze customer feedback to understand their needs and expectations.
- **Customer Satisfaction:** Ensure that quality management efforts are aligned with enhancing customer satisfaction and meeting customer requirements.

9. Leveraging Technology and Innovation

- **Quality Tools:** Utilize advanced quality management tools and technologies to monitor and control quality.
- **Innovation:** Encourage innovation in quality management practices to stay ahead of industry standards and improve efficiency.

10. Get Back to the Floor

- **Understand Requirements:** It is important that senior management understand acceptable tolerances and Q.C. requirements.
- **Understand Problems:** Managers should understand what the workers struggle with and what their problems are.

Management Challenge

I would encourage every senior manager to do at least 4 internal truss inspections per year. This will give you a good understanding of what the tolerances are and filling out the inspection sheet. You will have the opportunity to interact with the assigned inspectors and get feedback on what issues keep arising and what their challenges are.

When it comes time to audit your Quality Management System you can demonstrate that you are not only sign off on the inspections but take part in the inspection process, which is a great note that your auditor can add to their report when it comes to management commitment.

Health and Safety Toolbox

Sometimes it is hard to come up with a safety topic, but fortunately 2 times per year it is easy, when it gets cold and when it gets hot.

Staying Safe in Hot Weather: Essential Tips for Truss Plant Workers

As temperatures soar, working in a truss plant presents unique challenges and risks, particularly concerning heat-related illnesses. Ensuring the safety and well-being of employees in these conditions is paramount. This article outlines essential tips and strategies to help truss plant workers stay safe during hot weather.

Understanding Heat-Related Illnesses

Heat-related illnesses range from mild conditions, like heat rash, to severe and potentially life-threatening conditions, such as heat stroke. Common heat-related illnesses include:

- **Heat Exhaustion:** Symptoms include heavy sweating, weakness, dizziness, nausea, headache, and muscle cramps.
- **Heat Stroke:** This is a medical emergency, characterized by hot, dry skin, confusion, hallucinations, and loss of consciousness.

HEAT EXHAUSTION SYMPTOMS	HEAT STROKE SYMPTOMS
1. Faint or dizzy	1. Throbbing headache
2. Excessive sweating	2. No sweating
3. Cool, pale, clammy skin	3. Body temp above 103° Red, hot, dry skin
4. Nausea, vomiting	4. Nausea, vomiting
5. Rapid, weak pulse	5. Rapid, strong pulse
6. Muscle cramps	6. May lose consciousness

HOW TO TREAT IT	HOW TO TREAT IT
1. Move to cooler location	1. Get emergency help
2. Drink water	2. Keep cool until treated
3. Take a cool shower or use cold compresses	



Recognizing and responding to these symptoms promptly can prevent serious health consequences.

Hydration: The First Line of Defense

Staying hydrated is crucial for preventing heat-related illnesses. Here are some key hydration tips:

- **Drink Water Frequently:** Aim to drink water every 15-20 minutes, even if you don't feel thirsty. Your body loses fluids quickly in hot conditions.
- **Avoid Dehydrating Beverages:** Caffeine and alcohol can increase dehydration, so it's best to avoid them during your work shifts.

Dress for the Heat

What you wear can significantly impact your ability to cope with the heat:

- **Lightweight, Light-Colored Clothing:** Opt for breathable fabrics that allow sweat to evaporate more easily.
- **Protective Gear:** While necessary for safety, ensure your protective gear is as lightweight and breathable as possible while still meeting safety standards.

Breaks and Rest Periods

Taking regular breaks is essential to prevent overheating:

- **Frequent Breaks:** Schedule regular breaks in shaded or air-conditioned areas to cool down.
- **Rest Periods:** Use these times to rest and hydrate, reducing the strain on your body.

Enhancing Workplace Conditions

Improving the work environment can help reduce the risk of heat-related illnesses:

- **Use Fans and Ventilation:** Enhance airflow in the work area with fans or ventilation systems to keep the air circulating.
- **Shaded Areas:** Create shaded rest areas for breaks to provide relief from direct sunlight.

Acclimatization: Building Heat Tolerance

New workers or those returning from a period of absence should gradually increase their exposure to hot conditions:

- **Gradual Exposure:** Slowly increase the amount of time spent working in the heat over a week or more to build up tolerance.

Implementing a Buddy System

Working in pairs can enhance safety by ensuring someone is always there to help if needed:

- **Buddy System:** Check on each other regularly for signs of heat stress. This system helps in identifying symptoms early and providing immediate assistance.

Emergency Procedures

Knowing what to do in an emergency can save lives:

- **Emergency Protocols:** Familiarize yourself with the plant’s emergency procedures for heat-related illnesses. Know where first aid kits are located and how to contact emergency services.

Conclusion

Working in a truss plant during hot weather requires diligence and proactive measures to ensure safety. By staying hydrated, dressing appropriately, taking regular breaks, enhancing workplace conditions, acclimatizing to the heat, using a buddy system, and knowing emergency procedures, truss plant workers can significantly reduce the risk of heat-related illnesses. Your health and safety are the company’s top priority, and together, you can create a safe working environment even in the hottest conditions.

The Alberta Government has a new format OHS eNews you can subscribe to with all kinds of good material at: <https://ohs-pubstore.labour.alberta.ca/>

News and Events

Congratulations to Timber Wolf Truss Ltd for winning the Supplier of the Year for the 3rd consecutive year in Central Alberta

Angela and John deRegt





STANDATA

At a meeting May 27 hosted by Shawn Ewasiuk-Assistant Deputy Minister Alberta Municipal Affairs there was a consensus that the status quo on authenticating documents would remain through this building season until spring 2025.

This was agreed to by both the City of Edmonton and the City of Calgary. There will be some formal announcement shortly (still waiting).

There continues to be 2 main concerns that need to be addressed.

1. Is there a public safety issue with the current system in Part 9 buildings.
2. Is the use of software considered a work product of engineering and therefore should be authenticated. This is currently the position of APEGA.

While we work towards an acceptable solution our industry has to be extremely vigilant in what we do when it comes to design. What we do is no doubt going to be under scrutiny by building departments and the engineering community. If there is any indication that a public safety issue could result of poor practices it will be held up front and center.

We can not afford to cut corners or go beyond our scope in order to provide what may be considered engineering solutions, even if it is to help a customer. If there are questions about the building drawings from builders, we must make sure that they are addressed by the builders and not assume anything. Even if it means telling your builder that there is a delay until you get some answers from the building designer. Don't be doing any of your customers "favors" by making compromises.

I would encourage all our members to provide feedback to their customers that they should be providing more detailed information on their building design drawings including what products are specified, span directions, and how loads are distributed. If this information is on the drawings of a Part 9 building the argument that suppliers are engineering solutions is less.

Companies must have policies in place to ensure that the design and manufacturing of products can not be called into question. You should have a system of regularly reviewing designers work and take actions to ensure that they are properly trained. If you are unsure about a solution, get it double checked.

The instance where you may let something go through that is questionable will no doubt bite the industry in the behind.

As of May 28th, this notice was published by the City of Edmonton

Members, please see the following message from the City of Edmonton regarding Manufactured Engineered Components:

Following additional messaging with respect to the requirement for authentication of Manufactured Engineered Components (MEC's) from Alberta Municipal Affairs, the City of Edmonton will be supporting a transition period (timeline TBD) to allow for additional time to ensure the requirements within NBC2023-AE can be clearly communicated by the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA). In effect, this means the City of Edmonton will be referring to [STANDATA19-BCB-009](#), until such time that APEGA and Alberta Municipal Affairs are able to provide clarity on the specific requirements for professional involvement with respect to MEC's. This direction updates the information provided in the [May Building Edmonton Newsletter](#).

At this time, no further documentation related to MEC's will be required on permits issued post May 1, 2024. The June 2024 edition of BEN will provide further updates as determined.

Canadian Wood Truss Association Meeting June 6, 2024

CWTA Board of Directors
Ed DeBiasio
Matthew Bowness
Warren Cinquina
Mark Fox
Barry Schick
Gary Roehr
Dave Pasolli
Pattie LeFrancois (Executive Secretary)





We had an update on the Environmental Product Declaration (EPD) project that Peter Moonen from the Canadian Wood Council has been working on and a lot of you have contributed information to. They are running the survey again and Peter told us that it would be modified to be much simpler for truss companies to contribute. So look out for that.

Connie Rowley gave us an update on the WOODsure insurance program and some upcoming changes due to transition from CORE Canada Insurance Solutions to Axis. This transition is underway and once finalized an made public I will arrange for Connie to do a presentation to the membership.

The majority of the meeting was discussing the progress on creating a Certifying Body. The name that we had initially chose could not be used because it had Agency in it and apparently that implies that it is affiliated with a government authority. So, we are going forward with the name of Canadian Wood Truss Certification Council (CWTC) and applying to register that name.

We have been having monthly meetings with a technical working group consisting of representative from each regional association working towards consensus on the auditing requirements for the CSA S349:20 standard.

For those of you that were at our Program Building workshop at the AGM in April I have been working on converting the PowerPoint presentation into a series of videos along with a workbook for companies to build their quality management system. I gave a brief presentation of the videos, and the CWTA will be reviewing. Once the review is complete, It will be finalized and made available for regional truss associations to present to their memberships.

We decided that we should begin beta testing the Certifying Body scheme once we get some auditing details established in anticipation of applying to the SCC for accreditation by the end of the year.

We will also be looking at updating the current CWTA national quality standard that is referenced in TPIC 2019.

Alberta is Calling: Moving Bonus Program

You are invited to attend an upcoming webinar hosted by the Government of Alberta to learn more about the Alberta is Calling: Moving Bonus Program.

As part of Budget 2024, the Alberta government announced the Alberta is Calling: Moving Bonus. The Moving Bonus is a provincial program that offers a one-time \$5,000 refundable tax credit to attract individuals to move to Alberta and work in key trade and construction related occupations.



You can gain a competitive advantage for your organization with an incentive, paid to eligible individuals who move to Alberta.

The webinar will include information on:

- Who is eligible to apply.
- What types of occupations qualify for the program.
- How much funding an applicant can receive.
- The application and reimbursement processes.

A live question and answer session will follow the presentation.

Upcoming webinar:

Date: **Thursday June 27, 2024**

Time: **10:00 to 11:00 am**

For additional information and to register click [HERE](#).

For more information on the Alberta is Calling: Moving Bonus Program, please visit: [Alberta is Calling: Moving Bonus | Alberta.ca](#)

WWTA Online Training

With the provincial building codes now coming into force and referencing TPIC 2019 there have been several inquiries and sign-ups about our online training courses from outside of Alberta now that truss plants are starting to implement their QMS systems and determining that training of their workers is crucial to being in compliance.

If you have not yet taken a look at the WWTA online training program I would encourage you to, as no doubt you will be hiring new workers in the near future, and it is a good method to get them productive earlier and safer. If you want an overview of the program, go to the WWTA website at: <http://www.wwta.ab.ca/truss-training-online.html>

Did You Know?

Although there are 62 Alberta companies employing 1722 people with revenue of \$1.7 billion the City of Calgary still needed to borrow 48' of pipe from San Diego.