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Proposed Change 1990

Code Reference(s):	NECB20 Div.A 1.4.1.2. (first printing)
Subject:	Defined Terms
Title:	Addition of the Defined Term "Alteration"
Description:	This proposed change introduces the defined term "alteration" from the NBC to the NECB.

This change could potentially affect the following topic areas:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Division C | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Design and Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building operations | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Occupant safety in use |
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Problem

"Alteration" is a defined term in the National Building Code of Canada (NBC) 2020 but is not currently a defined term in the National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings (NECB) 2020. The proposed changes regarding the alteration of existing buildings will use the term alteration both for the NECB and for Section 9.36. of Division B of the NBC.

If the term "alteration" were defined differently by the National Model Codes, then the Codes would be inconsistent, which could lead to misinterpretation and incorrect application of Code requirements.

Justification

This proposed change introduces "alteration" as a defined term and replicates the NBC's definition of the term in the NECB without modification. This proposed change would eliminate inconsistency and potential misinterpretation and incorrect application of the requirements for the alteration of existing buildings.

PROPOSED CHANGE

[1.4.1.2.] 1.4.1.2. Defined Terms

[1] 1) The words and terms in italics in this Code shall have the following meanings:

Alteration means a change or extension to any matter or thing or to any occupancy regulated by this Code.

Impact analysis

Defining the term "alteration" in the NECB would provide clarification, harmonize the NECB with the NBC and reduce confusion when applying the proposed requirements applicable to the alteration of existing buildings.

Enforcement implications

Replicating the NBC's definition of the term "alteration" without modification in the NECB would facilitate the enforcement of the proposed requirements that apply to the alteration of existing buildings.

Who is affected

Designers, specification writers, manufacturers, contractors, building owners and building officials.