Fenestration – The Path to 2030 in Canada
Tuesday, June 7, 2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. ET

Presentation Overview
The 2022 publication of Canada's 2020 National Building Code (NBC) tiered energy code highlights a future of "Net Zero Ready" type homes and buildings. Under development is NBC guidance for EXISTING homes and buildings as it relates to higher standards of energy efficiency. What do new codes and a NZ future mean for glazing and window products?

Panelist Backgrounds

Panelist: Jeff Baker
Jeff Baker received his Master's Degree from the University of Waterloo, studying fenestration heat transfer. Jeff has spent the last thirty years working in the fenestration energy analysis field. He is currently the President of WESTLab Canada. Jeff was the technical consultant for the Fenestration Canada for 18 years, vice-chair of the CSA A440 technical committee on fenestration performance, member of the Canadian Home Builders Association Technical Research Committee and participates in several Canadian national building code committees.

Panelist: Andrew Oding
Andrew Oding, Vice President, Director of Building Science, has an extensive background as a builder for 20+ years. With experience, Andrew brings an insightful and real-life practicality to building science principles and their in-field applications. As a recognized building science trainer by the government of Canada-Office of Energy Efficiency, Building Science Specialist (University of Toronto), and HVAC designer and commissioner, Andrew is working closely with the development of new building codes, advanced building programs (i.e. ENERGY STAR®, Net Zero, LEED for HomesTM, etc.) across North America.

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The state of our mental health has deteriorated significantly over the course of the pandemic. Today, mental health is the #1 psychological health issue and results in millions of individuals unable to work regularly in North America.

In the top-5 drugs prescribed by doctors on nearly every employer health plan are drugs to help people manage depression, anxiety and other mental wellness challenges.

While the statistics around mental health and substance use are sobering, the construction sector in particular is disproportionately affected. Research continues to show that suicide and opioid overdose is claiming the lives of far too many construction workers each year, and yet there remains a cloud of stigma which prevents the kinds of conversations that are needed to help people who are struggling. Mental health is an issue that runs very deep, but very silent. The consequences are too often deeply tragic for individuals, their families, workplaces and communities.

Chris Gardner, President of the Independent Contractors and Businesses Association joins us to talk about why we need to talk about mental wellness more openly and in every part of construction — on our job sites, in our safety briefings, at our toolbox talks, and in our offices.

Speaker Background

Chris Gardner has led the Independent Contractors and Businesses Association (“ICBA”) as its President since 2017. Under his leadership, ICBA expanded significantly in both BC and across Canada. In 2019 and 2021, ICBA was selected North American Trade Association of the Year.

Before joining ICBA, Chris lived and worked in Asia for ten years, which included stints at South Korean business giant Samsung Electronics and at ING Investment Bank. During his career, he has been a senior executive for both Britco and Civeo, two of the largest workforce logistics companies in North America.

Earlier this year, Chris was selected Mental Health Executive of the Year by Ragan Communications – one of four executives in North America, and the only Canadian, for his mental health advocacy work. Chris has a B.A. from Simon Fraser University and a Juris Doctor from the Allard School of Law at the University of British Columbia.

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Codes Report | U.S. and Canadian News and Updates
Wednesday, June 8, 3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. ET

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Kathy Krafta Harkema
As FGIA’s U.S. Technical Operations Director and an industry influencer for decades, Kathy Krafta Harkema researches, reports on, and advocates for industry and government regulations and building codes on behalf of members. As a former active member, she earned AAMA’s Distinguished Service in Marketing Award, and now leads the team responsible for FGIA’s U.S. technical work that includes codes and regulatory advocacy, certification programs, industry standards, document development and more.

Amy Roberts
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**Presentation Overview**
What’s new when it comes to the Canada-U.S.-Mexico Trade Agreement (CUSMA) or (USMCA) and softwood lumber tariffs or trade agreements? Accessibility and emission regulations? U.S. Executive Orders, or new or repealed regulations in Canada or the U.S.? Find out what’s new and what it could mean for your business, in this informative, insightful session.

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Nick Limb
FGIA U.S. Market Studies Overview with Forecasts
Thursday, June 9, 2:15 pm – 2:45 pm EST

Presentation Overview

Released at the end of April, the latest FGIA industry market study will be discussed by Nick Limb of Ducker (the company that conducts research on FGIA’s behalf).

The presentation will feature highlights of current trends and future changes in the fenestration market, as well as scenarios that impact the industry, including the current volatility with supply chain issues, the war in Ukraine, inflation and interest rate increases. The session will also cover how the study is prepared and how prior forecasts compared with actual market results.

This members-only session will include responses to questions submitted prior to the event, as well as in-person. Send questions to Angela Dickson, FGIA Marketing and Communications Director, at adickson@FGIAonline.org. These will be provided to Nick in advance to allow better preparation for response.

Speaker Background

Nick Limb is a Managing Principal at Ducker. He has worked with dozens of manufacturers, suppliers, distributors, associations, and publishers associated with flat glass and fenestration products to build an understanding of markets and to assist in strategic market decision making.

Nick leads Ducker’s fenestration industry research practice, with a focus on flat glass, fabricated glass products and components, commercial glazing, windows, doors, skylights, new technologies and energy efficient products. His expertise encompasses market forecasting and demand modeling, channel strategy, acquisition analysis, brand positioning and competitive benchmarking as well as new product development and innovation feasibility. Nick holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and Master of Arts degree in Economics from Cambridge University, England.