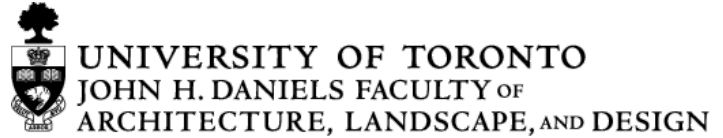


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Feature: Ontario to Allow 18 Storey Mass Timber Buildings

As the Ontario government [announced changes](#) to its building code to allow 18 storey encapsulated mass timber buildings, another barrier to wider adoption of the building material was removed. The current code allows buildings up to 12 storeys tall.

MTI Director Anne Koven provided comment in a [Globe and Mail](#) article covering the latest change to the regulations. She noted increasing the building code regulation to 18 storeys will provide an incentive for more architects, engineers and building developers to create structures using mass timber. Perspectives from a variety of industry professionals were highlighted, including the minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry. The opinions conveyed an optimism for the potential of mass timber in building more housing, and empowering northern Ontario communities through economic growth in the forestry sector.

Mass Timber Today Podcast Episode 12



Episode 12



Tune in to a new episode of the Mass Timber Today Podcast! In this episode, Craig Applegath speaks with Ryan Going, project manager with Pomerleau. They explore the longevity of mass timber buildings, highlighting the durability of various natural and engineered materials. Ryan speaks to his role and involvement in the construction of the University of Toronto's innovative Tall Academic Tower. They also delve into the economics of mass timber, addressing the need for more supply capacity and the challenges of permitting requirements. The conversation touches on the potential economic benefits of mass timber for rural and regional economies, as well as its impact on metropolitan cities. The role of mass timber in sustainable, affordable housing is also discussed, along with the potential of hybrid mass timber structures.

Highlights from this episode:

"A big question in design is how can we build things and structures that mimic nature rather than forcing nature to conform to a predetermined shape"

“You have to consider use-case. You can’t design any building and decide at the last second to build it with timber”

“I think mass timber has the potential to have huge benefits to rural economies in Canada, not just the cities where the buildings are built”

[Listen to Episode 12 | Ryan Going Discusses U of T’s Academic Tall Wood Tower](#)

Other Updates

- A new mass timber building for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is under construction. The building will be the first mass timber structure in Michigan to be made from locally sourced Red Pine. [Learn more.](#)

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