

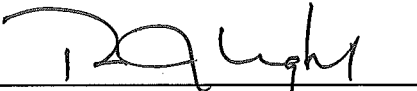
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INTERPRETATION

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Interpretation Date:	January 18, 2016
Building Code Edition:	BC Building Code 2012
Subject:	Direction of swing for exit discharge lobby enclosure
Keywords:	Exit, Exit through the Lobby, Exit Door
Building Code Reference(s):	Div A 1.4.1.2.(1); 3.4.4.2., 3.4.6.12.(1)
Question:	
	Are all the doors opening into a lobby that serves as an exit lobby according to Article 3.4.4.2. require to swing into the direction of exit travel?
Interpretation:	
	Yes. Clause 3.4.4.2.(2)(e) states that the exit lobby must conform to the requirements for exits with four exceptions. None of these exceptions address the door swing into the exit lobby. Sentence 3.4.6.12.(1) requires to swing the door in the direction of exit travel.
	 R. J. Light, Committee Chair
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